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COKE MEN DISCUSS PROPOSED MINING LAW REVISION.

FOGG OPPOSED TO POLITICS IN DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

Prominent Mining Engineer Declares for Radical Change In Conditions Surrounding Inspectors.

INADEQUATE SALARIES PAID

Only First-Class Men Should Have Positions In The Service and Scope of the Law Should Be Enlarged Without Arbitrary Restrictions, Says This Expert.

The question as to what the Pennsylvania Legislature may do in the matter of the proposed revision of the mining laws of the Commonwealth is of great interest to the operators and business interests of the Connellsville region. Taken as a whole the mining practise of this region, compared with other parts of the country is not only good but stands well up on the list. Connellsville region operators and managers have gone as far and, in many cases much further, than the operators of other sections to insure the lives and safety of their men.

The public demand for more stringent regulations has been met by Governor Stuart by the appointment of a commission to inquire into conditions and to draft a new law. This commission has met with operators of the several mining districts of Pennsylvania and has secured their views as to what should be done. It has been found that the operators of the several districts have divergent views as to what is needed. For instance the Pittsburg District Coal Operators' Association is in favor of undercutting coal and the rigid enforcement of the law on this point which is already on the statute books. This is because machine mining is the general practise in the Pittsburg district proper. In the Connellsville region, on the contrary, there has been much shooting from the solid as this yields smaller coal which is a desired quality for coking. Again, the undercutting of coal yields more lump coal which is just what the Pittsburg district operators want for their customers.

In a number of minor points there is a divergence of views not only as between the operators of the several western Pennsylvania bituminous districts but frequently among the operators of the same district.

The Commission named by the Governor is expected to make its report to him and the Legislature shortly and while no draft of the proposed new law has been given out, it is known that it will probably recommend as one of its main points, the rigid enforcement with additional penalties for violation of the present provision against shooting coal from the solid. In fact, it is known that Chief Mine Inspector James E. Roderick, not only favors compulsory undercutting but also wants to see the law require the shearing of the coal on the sides and in the center before shooting.

The Weekly Courier has gathered the views of leading operators and managers of the region as to the prospective legislation and these views are highly interesting.

L. W. Fogg, a member of the committee which represented the Coke Producers' Association in its meetings with Governor Stuart's commission, said:

"I favor the proposed additions to the mining laws and while we do not know exactly what the commission will recommend, I believe their recommendations, if anything, will not go far enough. The operators of this region are anxious for the best law that can be devised, one that will as fully as possible protect the lives of their employes and insure the safety of their mines. But aside from any laws that may be added, there are some other things with which operators are now face to face; and I refer to the elimination of politics from the Mining Department of the State. This bureau should be taken entirely out of the influence of politics. All mine inspectors and employes of the department should be employed under civil service regulations, calling for the highest capacity in the men and then insuring their places to them so long as they remain competent to perform their duties. An industry as great as that of coal mining in Pennsylvania should pay adequate salaries to such men in order that the best talent and ability would be at the service of the State in safe-guarding the lives and properties of her citizens.

"Take the coming examination for mine inspectors. I have no doubt that many inspectors are now working to enable them to pass the next regular examination and while doing this, many are perhaps forced to neglect to some extent their work as inspectors. This should not be. None but competent men should be appointed in the first place, they should receive adequate pay and should need to have no worry as to how long their employment would last. Their places should be guaranteed to them as long as they attend properly to the work.

"No doubt some additions to the mining laws are necessary. With the development of deeper seams of coal of a harder quality, the use of blasting materials has become more general and more necessary. In the old region the coal mined was close to the surface and comparatively soft. High-power explosives were not needed to the same extent as in the new mines of the Lower region, particularly in the Klondyke district where the coal is hard. Regulations to insure the safety of mining under the changing conditions are necessary. The introduction of the shot-firing system is a good thing and many companies have introduced this of their own volition. To have the shot-firing done by men understanding that particular work is a great advantage on the old method of allowing miners to do their own shooting indiscriminately.

"The question of open lights is another issue. The operators of the Connellsville region have for years recognized the need of safety lamps. In some other bituminous districts operators have been opposed to safety lamps as the miners claimed they they could not get out as much coal owing to the poorer light. I believe this view is fallacious. I am satisfied that after a miner becomes accustomed to the safety lamp he can do just as much and even better work than with an open lamp. The open lamp throws off a heavy, oily smoke, filling mine chambers and galleries with clouds of this vapor, not only clouding the view but adding greatly to the impurities which must be carried off by ventilation.

"But as great a danger as the open light in gaseous mines, is the electric spark from the trolleys hauling the trips in and out. I believe that no electric haulage should be permitted except on intake air courses where the air is not carrying a load of gas but is fresh and pure. This should be done without the passage of a law, wherever practicable but the law should also take note of the matter. An electric spark will cause an explosion when communicated to a body of gas just as quickly and certainly as an open light. In connection with electric haulage there is another point not to be overlooked. In many mines an entirely too high voltage is carried, a voltage that is needlessly high. A voltage of 250 is enough for all usual haulage purposes and by keeping down the voltage to this point the danger of men in the mine being electrocuted by coming into contact with wires or currents is minimized and almost done away with.

"Beyond any or all laws that may be passed, the chief point is to see that present laws are properly and intelligently enforced and furthermore mine managers should endeavor to eliminate the numerous small accidents and fatalities. Carelessness is the cause of many disasters and care to avoid small troubles will lead to better results all along the line. Speaking for the operators, we want to do all we can to safeguard our men. The operators in the Connellsville region have for years used safety lamps without regard to the law as they found from experience that the safety lamp was the best under the conditions in this region."

The manager of one of the largest coking concerns in the region said: "Radical changes in the mining laws are not needed. We have a very good mining law now and a still better one, hung up in the State Senate known as the Daniel Boden law. The law now being formulated by the Commission appointed by the Governor will never be passed in its proposed form. The passing of that law would likely put a speedy termination to coal mining, except such coal as is mined for local use in small workings. If any change is made, the Boden law is the one that should be passed.

"As matters stand now we have too much law and not enough enforcement. Laws that may be hastily passed under pressure of clamor for new mining regulations, which always comes after a serious disaster, are likely to cause more accidents, rather than avert them. Mining men should improve their practise, as has been said in The Courier by others, before all else. The present system of mine inspection is all right as long as the mine inspectors are kept down to performing the functions of their office. We have enough mine inspectors, in fact judging from the late records the number of accidents have increased about as fast as the number of inspectors on duty. Many of them are splendid men who cannot be excelled in any country. Mine managers are frequently directed to do things according to some arbitrary rule, when the orders issued by the inspector conflict with the very conditions in that particular mine. Good judgment should be more general among the officers of the State in such matters.

"I would suggest as an aid to remedy present evils, less of the letter of the law and more of its true spirit and intent, more rigid discipline enforced all around by mine managers, and, practical training for mine managers and miners both. Untrained men are one of the greatest evils in American mines. I further believe every mine should be limited as to the amount of coal it should be allowed to produce. This limit should depend on the number of men who could work safely and who could also be handled safely in that particular operation.

Plenty of Water in Region.

Water is again plentiful throughout the Connellsville region although the Youghiogheny river is falling slowly.

MORE FURNACE OVENS ARE FIRED; OPEN MARKET REMAINS UNCHANGED.

Frick Company Adds 700 Ovens to Its Producing Capacity and Two More Plants Go Into Commission in the Upper Regian—Iron and Steel Conditions Seem to Be Improving.

Aggregate production and shipments from both regions showed little change at the close of the week. The total production fell off about 3,000 tons, while shipments were practically the same as the preceding week, varying only a few cars. The week closed with little of the standing coke having been moved and this week opened with the same condition. Standing loads in both regions outside of what stock is on the yards, still amount to more than 1,000 cars and while the greater amount of this coke is owned by operators who are in the spot coke price agreement, the condition continues to make the open market draggy.

Outside of the open market, however, general conditions in the region are improving. The H. C. Frick Coke Company fired a greater total of additional ovens during the week than has been the case with this concern for many months, showing an increasing demand for coke at the furnaces of the leading steel interests of the country. The Frick company fired a total of 700 ovens, these being scattered throughout its plants in both regions. At all Frick plants the running time remained five days.

Two new plants appear in the list of the Lower Connellsville region this week. They are the Royal plant of the W. J. Rainey interests where 186 of 800 projected push ovens are being dried out for operation and the new Bridgeport plant near Brownsville, controlled by the H. C. Frick Coke Company, with 100 ovens, half of them being in operation. The report that the Mullen plant of the same company in the old region is to be fired shortly is denied by the company. One plant in the old region, the Florence operation of the E. A. Humphries Coke Company, with 20 ovens, has gone permanently out of commission and is being dismantled. Mr. Humphries states that the coal has been completely worked out.

Following are the additions made to operations at the various Frick plants during the week:

Buffington, 300 to 350 ovens; Edenborn, 300 to 350; Lambert, 300 to 350; Central, 150 to 200; Leisenring No. 1, 300 to 350; Leisenring No. 2, 300 to 350; Leisenring No. 3, 300 to 350; Lemont No. 1, 100 to 150; Southwest No. 1, 300 to 400; Standard, 300 to 350; Trotter, 350 to 400; Whitney, 150 to 200, and Bridgeport which has been running for some little time, 50 ovens.

Among the independent concerns of the region the following additions to operations were made during the week: Century works of the Century Coke Company, 152 to 164; Colonial No. 1 of the Colonial Coke Company, 160 to 200, Dorothea of the Iron City Coal & Coke Company, 20 to 30; Herbert of the Connellsville Central Coke Company, 85 to 190; Republic of the Republic Iron & Steel Company, 288 to 300; Searight of the Taylor Coal & Coke Company, 280 to 300; Sterling of the Consolidated Connellsville Coal & Coke Company, 130 to 145.

The following decreases in operation took place: La Belle plant of the La Belle Coke Company, 100 ovens shut down, making a complete shutdown at this operation; Perry of the Perry Coal & Coke Company, 30, making a complete shutdown of that operation also; Shamrock of the Fayette Coke Company, 200 to 104; Virginia of the Consolidated Connellsville Coal & Coke Company, 12 to 10; Carbon of the Keystone Coal & Coke Company, 56 to 41; Ellen No. 1 of the Whyel Coke Company, 50 to 21.

The total output for both regions shows so little change owing to the fact that while many additional ovens were placed in operation, many of the small independent plants dropped to four days in their running time, affecting their production. It is to be noted that the output of the furnace ovens in both regions increased over 6,000 tons as compared with the week before and this is in line with the history of this branch of the industry for some months past. During that time there has been a regular but steady addition from week to week in the activity of the ovens owned or controlled directly by furnace interests.

Little of this furnace coke is being stored by the blast furnaces, although they are stacking some pig iron, which might be taken as an indication that better conditions in the iron market are looked for by the furnace interests. Only one furnace is going out, that being Furnace C of the Buffalo-Susquehanna Iron Company. Other furnace interests are taking more coke. The Inland Steel Company which had been working on a large stock of coke on hand at the furnace, has begun to take larger shipments. Some few furnaces are preparing to go out for repairs but the capacity of these will be more than taken up by new furnaces which are expected to go into blast during the spring months, including several at Gary.

The United States Steel Corporation is operating all of its mills on a basis of about 58 per cent. normal; the Republic Iron & Steel Company is running about 60 per cent. of normal capacity, and the Pennsylvania Steel Company is running to about 65 per cent. of its capacity.

Nothwithstanding the considerable quantity of standing coke in the region, the price of spot coke appears to be somewhat firmer as operators prefer to keep what coke they have and quit making more rather than sell at a loss. The price agreement among some 50 operators to sell no first-class spot coke at less than $1.75 per ton remains in full force and those in the agreement appear to be holding their position. What spot coke can be had for a lower figure is offered through brokers or by operators who have not seen fit to go into the minimum price deal. Quotations are as follows: Spot furnace coke, $1.65 to $1.75; furnace coke for delivery for six or nine months, $1.80 to $2.00; spot foundry coke $2.00 to $2.25, according to grade; foundry coke for delivery during the first two or three quarters, $2.00 to $2.25.

The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says:

The tone of the iron and steel market continues decidedly depressed, although a good tonnage is being booked in some lines, comparing not altogether unfavorably with the closing months of last year. Thus the Carnegie Steel Company booked a larger tonnage in January than it did in December, although the December tonnage was larger than that booked in November. The heavy end of the January business was in rails and plates, the latter for the steel car companies which are running at a better gait than at any time for a year or more.

The Baltimore & Ohio rail orders, amounting to 37,000 tons, have been distributed to the rail mills along the line, and call for early delivery. It is noticed with all rail business placed, that early delivery is required and it is evident that the railroads intend to complete as early as possible all the improvements they feel justified in undertaking at all. Business in track material such as spikes and bolts has been better in the past fortnight than at any previous time for more than six months.

It is curious that so much publicity is being given, through various channels, to the cutting being done in certain unfinished steel products than was the case at certain periods last year, when there was considerable cutting. Indeed, this cutting was so severe at one time last summer that a regularly authorized examination of books was made by a committee of expert accountants who found so many irregularities that there was no opportunity for discrimination on the part of any of the interests which threw their books open. There are some steel products which are holding quite firmly such as standard rails, tin plates and tubes. There may be an occasional irregularity in some tin plate specialty, and frequent concessions have been made on black plate, but in general the tin plate market has shown remarkable steadiness.

Pig iron continues extremely dull in all markets, and in most cases not enough is being done to develop market prices with certainty.

Following are freight rates on coke per ton of 2,000 pounds in car load lots from the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions:

Boston	$3.50
Buffalo	1.90
Baltimore	2.15
Cleveland	1.65
Columbus	1.65
Cincinnati	2.10
Chicago	2.65
East St. Louis	2.80
Hamilton, Ont	2.20
Joliet	2.65
Louisville	2.65
New York	2.85
Pittsburg	80
Philadelphia	2.15
Richmond, Va.	3.01
Toledo	2.25
Valley Furnaces	1.35

PRODUCTION.

For the week ending Saturday, February 6, 1909.

Districts.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
C'ville	24,196	14,689	9,501	153,228
L. C'ville	13,621	9,123	4,498	102,928
Total	38,111	23,812	13,999	292,156

MANUFACTURED.

District	By Consumer.	For Market.
Connellsville	122,195	57,033
L. Connellsville	35,950	66,078
Total	158,145	101,011

Previous Week.

Districts.	Ovens	In.	Out.	Tons.
C'ville	24,510	14,522	9,988	162,230
L. C'ville	13,335	9,042	4,293	103,278
Total	37,845	23,564	14,281	265,514

MANUFACTURED.

District	By Consumer.	For Market.
Connellsville	117,776	45,060
L. Connellsville	35,180	60,098
Total	152,956	115,158

SHIPMENTS.

Aggregate from both regions in cars for the week ending February 6, 1909:

To Pittsburg District	3,488
To Points West of Pittsburg	5,306
To Points East of Connellsville	880
Total	9,674

Previous Week.

To Pittsburg District	3,365
To Points West of Pittsburg	5,400
To Points East of Connellsville	848
Total	9,613

[For complete tables of ovens in blast in both regions see pages 2 and 3.]

HOGG GETS CONTRACT FOR STADIA SURVEY

Will Gather Data on Redstone Creek Water Shed for Big Operating Company.

J. B. Hogg, mine engineer, has been awarded the contract for a stadia survey of 30,000 acres on the Redstone Creek watershed, by one of the leading operating companies in this country.

Stadia survey has become one of the leading features of Mr. Hogg's engineering work, by means of which the natural and artificial objects of earth's surface may be quickly and accurately located altogether by instrumental work and the notes taken are in such shape that the draftsmen can conveniently transfer them to the map. A stadia party from this office is at present working upon the topographical features at Scottdale for the comprehensive sewer plan required by the State Health Department.

New Geological Volumes.

The United States Geological Survey has issued its report for the calender year of 1907 on the Mineral Resources of the United States. The work is in two bound volumes.

BIG NEW STEEL CONCERN.

Largest Steel Tire Factory In The World to Be Erected Near Chicago.

Announcement of the formation of a big new steel company to be located at Chicago Heights, Ill., and whose specialty will be the manufacture of steel railway car tires is made. It will be known as the Inter Ocean Steel Company, will have a capital of $2,500,000, and will break ground within the next few days for the biggest steel tire factory in the world. There are at present three steel tire plants in the United States.

A site for the plant has been purchased. W. L. Jacoby, formerly of the Latrobe Steel Company of Latrobe, Pa., is President, and with him are associated the following men: E. C. Converse, W. T. Graham and Frederick H. Eaton of New York, Julian Kennedy, Pittsburg; John S. Runnels, Chicago, W. D. V. Wright, formerly of the Latrobe Steel Company.

On Its Last Trial Trip.

The Pennsylvania Railroads new all-steel coke car which has been on trial and exhibition in the region, was loaded Tuesday at Trotter for South Chicago on its last trial trip. As exclusively announced in the last issue of The Weekly Courier, the Pennsy has ordered 1,000 cars of this type.

KENNEDY DISSECTS SEVERAL OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES.

He Shows That Many Provisions Which May Be Recommended to the Legislature Would Be Arbitrary.

NO USE IN PILING UP LAWS

An Interesting Forecast of What Would Happen at Some Mines if Certain Suggested Additions to the Mining Code Were Made.

C. W. Kennedy, President of the Coke Producers' Association, and General Manager of the Orient Coke Company, favors The Weekly Courier with an interesting discussion of the questions at issue in the proposed new mining legislation at Harrisburg. Mr. Kennedy's views are regarded as of great weight by all operators in the Connellsville region, owing to his many years' experience as a manager and operator. Mr. Kennedy dissects some of the proposed new provisions and indicates what would be their effect if enacted into law. Mr. Kennedy says:

"All that is required, in my judgment, is to take the old law and amend it in some respects. It provides that where gas is present in certain quantities mines shall be worked exclusively with locked safety lamps. It should be amended so as as to require the use of an approved safety explosive. That portion relating to the use of electricity should be amended. Outside of these, and perhaps a few minor provisions, the old law I regard as ample for the purpose, if properly enforced. There could be nothing planner to my mind than the cause for disastrous explosions that have occurred in the last two or three years, for in every instance so far as my information goes there were present gas, dust, open lights and flaming explosives. It was the expected that happened in nearly every instance.

"In the coke region we have conditions as dangerous as can be found anywhere, barring perhaps the element of dust which is not present to any great extent because machine mining is not practised, but many of the mines are gaseous—very much so, but safety lamps are used and as a rule the latest and safest made. Safety explosives are used and the result has been that there has not been a disastrous explosion in the coke region from one end to the other since the adoption of the safety lamp and safety explosive. The proposed new law as I last saw it was loaded with a great many provisions, some of which were burdensome to the miners, some to the operator, and some utterly foolish.

"For example, if any of the miners lived more than one-half mile from the entrance to the mine it would necessitate the operator keeping on hand an ambulance with rubber tires, etc., the effect of which would be to shut out a lot of people in the region who have gone out of reach of the smoke, Lough property and built homes. No operator could afford to employ them in view of this provision of the law. Again, if the workings of any shaft mine, whose workings have extended 5,000 feet in any direction, and have 2,000 feet or more to be driven, the operator must sink a shaft and equip it with hoisting apparatus, unless the mine should have five entries. Now the purpose of this is evidently ventilation yet nothing is said about that. I know of one mine in this region which would come under this proviso, the ventilation could not possibly be better, and yet the law would arbitrarily require the operator to spend $100,000 to no purpose.

"Another thing, when a mine foreman employes a person to work in a gaseous mine, he shall take his name, age, nationality, previous experience in this or other countries, and in fact his antecedents generally and enter the same with ink in a book provided for that purpose. This would require about half of the time of the mine foremen, take him away from his duties, and the information he would secure of absolutely no value to anyone.

"The proposed law provides certain qualifications for superintendent of a coke plant, requiring him to pass an examination similar to that of a mine foreman. I cannot better state the objections to that than to quote from a report of the coke operators of the Connellsville region at a meeting held at Uniontown in October last, and which was forwarded to the chairman of the Mine Law Commission:

"We do not think any possible good could be accomplished, nor any safe-

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JOHN STEVENSON ILL.

Well-Known Coke Plant Manager Confined to His Bed.

John Stevenson, one of the best-known coke plant managers of the Connellsville region for the past 20 years is lying seriously ill at his home near Mammoth, suffering from an affection of the liver and internal troubles. Mr. Stevenson was until recently Superintendent of the Magee works and subsequently was Superintendent of the Garwood plant of the Dunlap-Connellsville Coke Company.

Mr. Stevenson was in his time connected with the management of the Mammoth, Standard and Davidson plants and was for years on the examining board for mine inspectors. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

BIG ORDER GIVEN BY B. & O. FOR RAILS

Cambria Steel Company, Johnstown, Gets Share of First Big Contract of Year.

Contracts for 37,000 tons of steel rails, costing more than $1,000,000; 10,000 kegs of spikes, 5,000 kegs of bolts, as well as large quantities of angle bars and other track fixings, were awarded Saturday by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. This is the first large expenditure for supplies that the Baltimore & Ohio has authorized in more than a year, and indicates that the railroads generally are preparing for heavy business.

Delivery must begin within 30 days. It was stated that the bulk of the 37,000 tons of rails will be used in maintenance work along the Pittsburg division and main line, and it is expected that the company will place another large order with in the next few months for renewals and replacements. The order for rails is divided among the Carnegie Steel Company, Maryland Steel Company, Bethlehem Steel Company, Cambria Steel Company and the Illinois Steel Company.

The rails will be of 90 and 100 pounds weight. The standard price of steel rails is $28 a ton, making the total expenditure for rails alone $1,036,000.

So far the company has not taken any action on contracts for freight or passenger cars or locomotives, but it is expected that some large orders will be placed shortly.

BROWN SELLS COAL TO RIVER COAL COMPANY

Company Recently Merged With the Frick Interests Gets Brownsville Acreage.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 4.—W. Harry Brown, who holds valuable coal in the vicinity of Brownsville, is disposing of the greater portion of it to the River Coal Company, a corporation dominated by the H. C. Frick coke interests. Mr. Brown has recently made two sales of coal holdings in that vicinity, the consideration not being announced. The latest sale of about 350 acres is said to have involved close to a half million dollars.

The River Coal Company was recently merged into the Republic Connellsville Coke Company, the coal acquired some years ago from A. W. Mellon and others being included in the merger. The new company is headed by Thomas Lynch, President of the H. C. Frick Coke Company. The River Coal Company's plant near South Brownsville is now equipped with a small battery of rectangular ovens.

Boilers Replaced in Single Day.

The destruction of the boiler house at the plant of the Latrobe Coal Company last Friday resulted in a shut down of but a single day. The company rigged up new boilers in a rush and will rebuild the house while using them. Making coke and mining coal was resumed on Saturday. The loss is covered by insurance.

Will Increase Their Holdings.

H. P. Wetzel and W. W. Hopkins of Marion Center, Indiana county, Pa., who several months ago bought 2,100 acres of coal and timber land in Breathitt county, Ky., are negotiating for the purchase of 10,000 more acres in the same territory.

TARIFF BLOCKS BUSINESS REVIVAL.

Steel Manufacturers Say Failure of Industry to Resume Is Due to This.

BIG ORDERS ARE HELD BACK

Consumers Refuse to Buy While There is a Possibility of Prices Dropping—Lower Tariff Would Bring Wage Reductions.

Prominent steel manufacturers of the Pittsburg district are of the belief that the tariff tinkering by Congress is responsible for the failure of business to revive in full tide. This view is shared by business men generally throughout the country and coke region operators in particular. There is every evidence that large iron and steel orders and smaller ones that would naturally follow in their train are being held back by important interests who want to know what Congress will do on the tariff before tying themselves up in contracts which may turn out to be losing propositions.

Willis L King, Vice President of the Jones & Laughlins Steel Company said:

I cannot for the life of me see why the Congress cannot let well enough alone. The country has been prosperous under the present tariff arrangement, and to my mind there is nothing that calls for a very decided change.

"Of course there are some articles taxed too high. There are some few lines in iron and steel that can stand a reduction. But this talk of going down the entire list and chopping indiscriminately the duties imposed seems uncalled for.

The iron and steel workers are making a fair living now. When the mills are running they have little to complain of. But what will be the conditions when the underfed underpaid European workingman is permitted to come into competition with American workmen? The result must be that our American workers will have to suffer a reduction in wages for mark my words just as soon as the prices of finished iron and steel go down just so soon will wages drop also.

According to Mr King the possibility of a lower tariff and resulting lower prices has caused the railroads and large consumers to adopt a waiting policy. They are buying only what they must have—and the country is suffering in consequence. The Jones & Laughlins mills are suffering with others for want of orders. These conditions said Mr King are due wholly to the fact that the tariff is in danger of being tampered with. Just following the election there was a wave of prosperity and orders came in fast. They were small however and as soon as it was seen the tariff was to be tinkered with these orders fell off until now there are scarcely any worth mentioning being received.

Consumers won't buy said Mr King at present quotations while there is some hope of prices dropping lower within the next year or so. Railroads are buying some cars for replacement. They are ordering what rails they must have at once but they are not buying nearly as great quantities as they would were there no talk of tariff revision.

The result is the country is still suffering. And it will continue to suffer until all danger of free trade or a nominal tariff is passed.

Mr King is not one of those who believe the tariff should not be revised. He believes there are some articles that could stand a cut. But he believes there should be no indiscriminate tinkering particularly with iron and steel, on which the country depends so largely.

President B F Jones of the same company recounted his experience when he appeared before the Ways and Means committee and said that whatever testimony was offered there was of small avail.

Why there were enough lawyers there to pick a man to pieces said Mr Jones. They could pick your eyes out and put them back in again."

STEEL MINE CARS ARE DELIVERED

First Consignment Soon Ready For Use—Rivers Are Falling Slowly

The first delivery of the new steel mine cars for the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company will be made soon by the Standard Steel Car Company and the Youngstown Steel Car Company. They will be part of an order for 200 of the cars which is the first contract of its kind.

Rivermen are of the belief that the use of steel barges will soon pass the experimental stage. A few of these are now in use principally as a test but it is predicted by many that in time they will supplant the old kind.

There is little activity on the rivers. The stage at Davis Island dam last night was 4[illegible] feet and at Freeport 4 1 feet. The rivers are falling rather slowly, however and preparations daily are being made for the next rise though there [illegible] little prospect of another coal stage for some time.

BUILD MORE TRACKS.

Gould Interests Will Soon Have Line Double Tracked

Rapid progress has been made by the Wabash Pittsburg Terminal railroad on track work about the main line from Pittsburg to Mingo Junction and the Gould interests will soon have a double track road the entire distance. For the past two years the company has been extending its sidings along the Wabash Pittsburg Terminal and there remains a comparatively short stretch of single track.

The officials claim the road is in such condition that there need be no fear of congestion although additional tracks are needed on the Wheeling & Lake Erie. This road handles all the tonnage originating in the Pittsburg district which is moved over the Wabash Pittsburg Terminal as well as the coal and general traffic between the Lakes and Ohio and West Virginia points.

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO STAYS INDEPENDENT

Coal and Coke Tonnage Along Its Lines to Be Developed to Fullest Capacity

Concerning the Chesapeake & Ohio deal a report from Richmond quotes Frederick W Scott of Scott & Stringfellow bankers as saying that the syndicate which purchased 2 6000 shares of stock from Kuhn Loeb & Company was composed of Edwin Hawley Robert Fleming Frank Trumbull and himself and that this purchase with the shares previously held by those interests gives him control of the railway. Furthermore he is reported as saying that Mr Trumbull will become chairman of the board that George W Stevens will continue as president Decatur Axtell as vice president and C E Doyle as general manager. The headquarters will remain in Richmond and the property will be largely developed and more vigorously operated than ever before. Reports that it would be transferred to some other system were denied and it was asserted that it would be operated independently.

John P Branch of Richmond a banker and stockholder is reported as saying that he looks to see the Chesapeake & Ohio with a terminus at both coasts. Presumably this is expected through connection with other roads in which Edwin Hawley is interested. It is also suggested that a new steamship line out of Newport News may be established in consequence of increased freight over the Chesapeake & Ohio to come from its independent operation.

Mr Hawley is quoted in a report from New York as denying that the Chesapeake & Ohio had been purchased to be turned over to other railroad interests but he said it was bought to be operated to its fullest capacity.

SOMERSET COAL BEING TRANSFERRED

Deeds Covering Fully $70,000 Worth Made During the Past Week in That Territory.

SOMERSET Pa Feb 3—Among the principal deals in Somerset county real estate which took place last week was the purchase of several tracts of valuable coal property situated in Jenner and Conemaugh townships by the Jenner Quemahoning Coal Company. Almost $70 000 was paid for the properties which contain in the aggregate nearly 1 10[illegible] acres.

The Jenner Quemahoning Coal Company has been in business for about five years. Its main offices are located in Pittsburg and in various other cities there are branch offices. The company maintains offices at Somerset also. Daniel B Zimmerman a well known coal operator is President of this company. The company has large holdings in the Jenner field.

Of the tracts bought last week 89 acres was purchased from B H and Alice M Cannon of McKeesport for $1[illegible] 584 01 104 acres from Robert P and Mary M W[illegible]t of Wilkinsburg for $1 000 487 acres from James A Lynch of Pittsburg for $[illegible] 92 87 and 77 acres from Harry B Rhine of Bellevue for $11 30 80.

THIS COMPANY MADE VERY GOOD SHOWING

Connellsville Manufacturing Company Declares Dividend and Stockholders Choose Officers

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Connellsville Manufacturing Company held Saturday the following Directors were re-elected: President I C Smutz, Vice President H H Yarnell, Secretary and Treasurer E I Smutz and Directors H S Johnston and F S McCullough.

The usual annual dividend of six per cent was declared and reports made show the company to have had the best year in its history having kept two men on the road most of the year introducing its Climax Washing Tablets in new territory and its factory in Greenwood has been kept running practically the entire year.

The directors and stockholders feel proud of the record the company has established the last three years paying dividends averaging six per cent during the three years.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

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262	60	Acme	W J Rainey	New York N Y
80		Acme	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
375	200	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
252		Alverton No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
10[illegible]	104	Alverton No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
90	90	Atlas No 1	Cambria Steel Co	Dunbar
400	400	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
182	31	Beatty	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
1[illegible]0		Bethany	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown
400	200	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
86	82	Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co	Uniontown
120	120	Boyer	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
247	200	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
306	10[illegible]	B[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	30	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
2[illegible]0	200	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]	11	Carbon	Keystone Coal & Coke Co	Greensburg
[illegible]2	32	Carolyn	Peerless Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
204	[illegible]	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
54	25	Chester	F A Humphreys & Co	Scottdale
100	100	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
109	84	Clarissa	James Cochran Sons Co	Dawson
120	100	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	250	Colliers	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	300	Continental No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
376	200	Continental No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
170	170	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
354	200	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40		Dexter	J R Stauffer & Co	Scottdale
230	100	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50		Dunn	Dunn Connellsville Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Ellen No 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	24	Ellen No 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Elizabeth	Unity Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
218	218	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York N Y
48		Enterprise	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
156	1[illegible]5	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York N Y
97		Foundry	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Franklin	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
105		Frick	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
131		Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
408	154	Grace	W J Rainey	New York N Y
[illegible]	200	Hecla No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	[illegible]0	Hecla No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]00	[illegible]	Hecla No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]0	50	Hester	Hester Coke Co	Everson
170		Henry Clay	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		H[illegible]	Stauffer & Wiley	Scottdale
35[illegible]	200	Hostetter	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
100	100	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
250		Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
20		Junction	Marietta Gantz Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
306	164	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	[illegible]0	Leisenring No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	[illegible]0	Leisenring No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
504	[illegible]00	Leisenring No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
204	204	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
22[illegible]	1[illegible]	Lemont No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]50	50	Lemont No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]0	[illegible]0	Little Sunshine	K[illegible] Coke Co	Uniontown
72	5	Love	Carlisle-Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
4[illegible]	[illegible]	Madison	Madison Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	0	Mages	Mages Coke Co	Uniontown
510	300	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	300	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
0	30	Marthabel	Northern Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
16[illegible]		Morgan	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]70	330	Mt Braddock	W J Rainey	New York N Y
82		Mullen	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
19[illegible]		Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
32	[illegible]	Myers	Brownfield-C'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
229	229	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
252	200	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	228	Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
480	4[illegible]0	Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
2[illegible]8		Painter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
4[illegible]9	3[illegible]0	Paul	W J Rainey	New York N Y
2[illegible]		Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co	Pennsville
15		Percy	Percy Mining Co	Percy
400	[illegible]00	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
186	100	Rainey	W J Rainey	New York N Y
446	300	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]60	66[illegible]	Revere	W J Rainey	New York N Y
26		Sapper	Harding & Byrn	Scottdale
110	110	Semet Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
4[illegible]		Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
86		Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
446	200	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
625	400	Southwest No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
[illegible]52		Southwest No 2	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20[illegible]	100	Southwest No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
151		Southwest No 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
61	61	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros	Dawson
[illegible]3	500	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
25		Sterling No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
1[illegible]5	134	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
142		Summit	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	40	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
121		Tip Top	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
454	100	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]		Tyrone	American Coal Mining Co	Pittsburg
7[illegible]		Union	W J Rainey	New York N Y
[illegible]50	[illegible]0	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]01	1[illegible]0	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran	Veteran Coke Co	Greensburg
200	[illegible]0	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]2	200	Whitney	Hostetter Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
[illegible]00	[illegible]10	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	[illegible]00	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
241	180	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg

KENNEDY DISSECTS PROPOSED CHANGES

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guard added by the provision which requires the executive [illegible] of the [illegible] to have worked as a miner and hold what would practically mean a mine foreman certificate. It would mean two mine foremen instead of one. A competent man has already been [illegible] who is in charge of the mining with full power and authority and to add another would not add in any degree to the safety of the men or of the mining operations. Question [illegible] the [illegible] would be [illegible] results. In [illegible] of the large [illegible] of Western Pennsylvania bituminous fields [illegible] per cent of the product is shipped as coke [illegible] more than one half of the [illegible] is [illegible] around [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] the various elements [illegible] steel organization is [illegible]. It is manifestly unfair to limit [illegible] in his selection [illegible] those who hold certificates [illegible] experience has shown conclusively that the qualifications necessary in one occupying a position of [illegible] are not [illegible] found in those holding certificates of any kind. On the contrary some of the ablest [illegible] in the Connellsville held were formerly some of them [illegible] machinist etc and by ability [illegible] men who understand [illegible] the conditions in the [illegible]. They know what dangers [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] know how to [illegible] and how to correct them. The [illegible] and those employed in the mine are just as [illegible] that [illegible] would be if [illegible] of a mine foreman [illegible] as much [illegible] of many such men with [illegible] certificates [illegible] with [illegible] the position of superintendent [illegible] not have the qualifications [illegible] would be a mistake from the standpoint of safety and from every other point of view. The able man [illegible] is just as liable to come from [illegible] occupation as from [illegible] a serious handicap and [illegible] to limit him [illegible] in the selection [illegible] to handle his operation and [illegible] vision [illegible] accomplish anything in [illegible] positions [illegible] produce the opposite result.

There were many other changes suggested to the mine law commission at that meeting, and the above will give you an idea of some that could be eliminated or modified to the advantage of both miner and operator. Shooting out of the solid is another thing prohibited by the proposed new law and which has been a bone of contention for several years. Very few injuries result from it, no explosions have been caused by it. Once in a while a man will get careless and is burnt but it is generally where they have been allowed to use black powder or dynamite. Shot for shot I think it fair to say that there are more blown out shots from undercut coal than there are where the coal is shot from the solid and for the reason that in shooting a solid face the holes are bored at an angle and generally below the three inch binder while places that are undercut by machines are generally drilled near the top [illegible] frequently in [illegible] which has [illegible] the coal has [illegible] shoot [illegible] out [illegible] the solid at Hurwick [illegible] mines which [illegible] explosions have occurred in [illegible] two or three years yet [illegible] shots are said to have [illegible] responsible for [illegible] During all the time the Connellsville coke region Upper and Lower have been shooting out of the solid have we had any disastrous explosions. And yet we produce nearly one third of the total bituminous tonnage of Pennsylvania.

[illegible] firmly of the opinion that a few amendments to the present Act would give us a much better law than the one proposed. We are threatened with an overdose of legislation.

WILL MAKE COKE IN NEW MEXICO

W H Watt Off Today to Take Charge W H Watt Off This Week to Take Charge of a Big Operation

Wm H Watt son of Louis Watt a well known yard boss of the Klondike region and himself formerly yard boss for the South Fayette Coke Company left Tuesday for Dawson N M to take the position of superintendent of the coke plant there of the Dawson Fuel Company which owns 1 000 acres of coal in New Mexico which it is proceeding to develop.

The Dawson Fuel Company until recently used annually in the neighborhood of 00 000 tons of coke made in Fayette county. Recently it decided to develop its coal and has now in operation 1 000 beehive ovens and is preparing plans to the building of 000 more. At present the company is burning [illegible] tons of coke monthly. Watt goes to New Mexico on the recommendation of James W Abraham the Uniontown coke man.

Col J M Schoonmaker Honored

Col J M Schoonmaker Vice President of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad Company has been appointed a member of honor to represent Pennsylvania during the inauguration

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NEW COKE FIELDS IN FAR NORTHWEST.

Great Coal Deposits Uncovered in the Province of British Columbia.

BIG SYSTEMS SEEK ENTRY

American and Canadian Railroads Clash For the Privilege of Tapping a Rich Coal And Coke Territory of the Near Future.

The Great Northern the Union Pacific and the Canadian Pacific Railroads are engaged in a fight for the privilege of tapping the coal and timber districts of the Flathead river valley in Southeastern Kootenay in British Columbia. The coal deposits are the main source of contention The Canadian Pacific is already on the ground with its line and therefore has an advantage The Great Northern has a line into the Crows Nest coal and coke district and proposes to build a spur northward to tap the new field The three roads will endeavor to secure privileges at the present session of the Provincial Legislature

The American trans continental lines are anxious to get a share of the future coal and coke tonnage from the Flathead district, says Black Diamond, but in the meantime DD D Mann Vice President of the Canadian Northern Railway announces that he will recommend the building of his road through to the Pacific coast which would mean its passage through the territory which is expected to yield such big traffic in the future Heretofore many of the railroads of the far west and northwest have paid more attention to traffic originating from the mining of metals but they are now beginning to realize that coal will be king before many years and that coal and coke traffic will be the big freight item of the future in the west, as it has been for years with the eastern railway systems The Canadian Pacific has for years been reducing its grades so that when the time comes it may be able to carry coal tonnage at a minimum cost and at a profit

Of the 300,000 square miles covered by British Columbia, a large part remains unsurveyed but that portion which has been gone over indicates that the country contains enormous bodies of coal which will some day be the seat of a great mining industry

The Hudson Bay Company found coal at Ft Rupert as early as 1835 The mining of coal was begun at Nainimo, Vancouver Island in 1851 Some of the coke of the future will come from British Columbia and it has already become a producer of this product Most of the coal found thus far in the Flathead river valley consists of lignites but elsewhere in the province there is coking coal This is shown by the fact that in 1906 there were produced and shipped to market 210-897 long tons of coke from British Columbia. To date Vancouver Island mines have produced a total of 20 000,000 tons of coal Coal deposits seem general along the whole western slope of the Rocky Mountains, it is found in the interior valleys at Nicola, on the Thompson river and in the Omineca district, it occurs on the Pacific coast on Vancouver Island, on the Queen Charlotte Islands and along the Skeena river, while recent reports confirm its discovery in the Chilkat district of the Atlin mining division

The coal found is a first class bituminous carrying from 60 to 75 per cent of fixed carbon, from 20 to 30 per cent of volatile combustible matter and from three to nine per cent of ash

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company is the chief producer of coke in the interior territory The production of coke on the coast is confined to one company the Wellington Colliery Company which made in 1896 only 9 842 tons but took from its stock piles some 13 009 tons making coke sales 22,851 tons of which amount 14,547 tons were sold locally and 8 304 tons were exported chiefly to Alaskan points The local consumption of coke shows an increase of 9 137 tons, or 169 per cent due to the operations of the Vancouver Island copper smelters The increase in the amount of coke exported is equally marked, being 4 001 tons or 93 per cent and is due to the constantly increasing copper smelting operations carried on in Alaska. In the spring of 1907 coke was imported a cargo of some 3,003 tons having been received by the Crofton smelter from Australia

NEW ENGINES

Freight Moguls Placed in Service on Pennsylvania Main Line

Several new freight locomotives have been turned out of the Juniata shops of the Pennsylvania railroad during the past week and were placed in service yesterday morning on the main line east of Pittsburg The company is building a total of 43 big engines at its own shops and most of these will be ready for service by July 1 They are of the H SB type the heaviest ever built by the Pennsylvania, and are capable of hauling twice as much as those in service at present

The first locomotive of this type built by the company has been undergoing a series of tests under the supervision of motive power experts Data regarding these tests is being compiled and will be submitted to executives in Philadelphia. That the tests have been satisfactory is indicated by the announcement that additional orders for this type of locomotives are to be placed later

MORE COAL FOUND

Extension of Quemahoning Seam Being Opened Near Humbert

The recent discovery of coal in the vicinity of Sandy Run about three miles beyond Humbert means a boom for the towns of Ursina and Humbert Somerset county I T Huff, the superintendent of the Humbert Mining Company is enthusiastic over the new discovery and is planning to push the work on the new enterprise

A company has taken up the newly discovered deposits Surveyors have done the preliminary work and miners are now striking into the coal which will be stored at the mine until the Ursina and North Fork Railroad which is two miles away can have its tracks extended to the mine Mr Huff says the new coal is Prime C vein, fully equal to the best Quemahoning and expects to be shipping it to market in ninety days

ENGLISH COKE IS ENTERING MEXICO

Thousands of Tons of the British Product Is Cutting Into American Market.

Advices from the city of Mexico say that a large consignment of English coke arrived at the port of Tampico Mexico recently for the Compania Fundidora de Fierro y Acero of Monterey The first cargo arrived on November 9 by the steamship Harley and consisted of 4 000 tons which is the largest coke cargo ever brought to Mexico from Europe There will be several thousand tons more to follow during the next 60 days

Practically all the coke consumed in Mexico is supplied from the United States in normal times as owing to the greater cost of transportation from European ports German and English producers are not able to compete with producers of this article in the United States A few years ago during an extended strike in the coal fields of the United States considerable coke was imported into Mexico from Germany and it is probably due to the fact that shipping is very light all over the world and has been for months past that transportation lines are forced in order to employ their tonnage to take on business which in ordinary times would not be attractive and through this means producers of coke on the other side are enabled to secure rates by which they can place their product in this country in competition with that from ovens nearer to the consumers

REVISION IN W VA.

Mountain State Operators Conferring With Their Legislators on Mining Law Changes

West Virginia coal operators at a meeting in Charleston last week appointed a committee to meet with the legislative mine investigating committee which desires to secure testimony from the coal operators of the State in regard to explosions, their cause and possible prevention Those on the committee are William D Ord chairman L L Malone H T Davis Charles C Beury and Ed Shonebaum

This committee will proceed much as Pennsylvania operators are doing to advise the legislators how far it is practical to go in revising West Virginia's mining laws The action of the West Virginia Legislature will be watched with interest by Pennsylvania operators as the two states are competitors in the production of coal and coke Hitherto the easy going mining regulations of West Virginia have served to give the operators of that State a distinct advantage over Pennsylvania producers This point will be urged on the Pennsylvania legislators by the Keystone State operators

MAMMOTH STEEL COMPANY.

Announcement Made of Formation of a $2,500,000 Corporation

CHICAGO Feb 4—(Special)—The beginning of a movement to wrest the supremacy of the steel business from Pittsburg was made known today when it was announced that the Inter Ocean Steel Company capitalized at $2 500 000 will begin the construction of a mammoth steel plant at Chicago within six weeks

Chicago and New York men are backing the project

The Railroad Tie Problem

E O Faulkner manager of the tie and timber department of the Santa Fe road states that when in Germany investigating the steel tie question, he was told that the steel ties in Germany did not last longer than creosoted wood In Japan he investigated wooden ties and found that Japan having begun three centuries ago to conserve the forests is selling ties to the United States and Mexico He purchased 5 000 ties in Japan and is also receiving ties from the Hawaiian Islands

Big St Louis Coal Merger

ST LOUIS Mo Feb 10—It is announced that all Illinois coal mines within 50 miles of St Louis are to be merged in a company which will represent capital amounting to $50 000 000 and which will control the coal supply of St Louis Operators who gave options on their properties two years ago have been notified that the options will be exercised.

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32	32	Annamyra	Leckrone Coke Co	Uniontown
138	130	Atchison	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
30		Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
100	50	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	470	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Uniontown
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Brownsville
475	350	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30	16	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
200	150	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
12		Finley	Jas Byrne & Co	Scottdale
200	164	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40		Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
24		Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
500	450	Colonial No 1	Colonial Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Colonial No 2	Colonial Coke Co	Pittsburg
156		Colonial No 3	Colonial Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	200	Colonial No 4	Colonial Coke Co	Pittsburg
142	70	Cyrilla	Rocks Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
120		Crystal	Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
250	200	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	240	Donald No 1	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
162	84	Donald No 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
30	30	Dorothea	Iron City Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
44	44	Dorothy	Jacobs Creek Coke Co	Uniontown
52		E Connellsville	E Connellsville Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
600	350	Ederborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
149	149	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
80	80	Eleanor	Connellsville Standard Coke Co	Pittsburg
32		Emory	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
400	200	Foustdale	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Francis	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Martin
80		Fratts	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
31	16	Garwood	Dunlap Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
68		Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
499	499	Griffin Nos 1 & 2	Bessmer Coke Co	Pittsburg
100	100	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	60	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
28	12	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
100		Hustead	Hustead Semans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
200		LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
460	350	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
516	300	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	100	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	250	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
195	100	Marion	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
202	170	McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co	Leetonia, Ohio
100	100	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	60	Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co	Star Junction
70		Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co	Newcomer
22	24	Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
460	320	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No 1	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
168	168	Parshall No 2	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
30		Perry	Perry Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
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100	100	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
250	115	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
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145	120	Tower Hill No 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
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Harrisburg Pa Feb 4—The senate held a brief session and then took a recess until next Monday Among the new bills presented was one providing a method for the adjustment of the differences between mining manufacturing and transportation companies and their employes A bill appropriating $30 000 for the participation by Governor Stuart and his staff and a provisional brigade of the national guard in the inaugural ceremonies of President elect Taft was read the first time

Applicants for marriage licenses must hereafter present certificates that they do not have tuberculosis before they can procure such licenses if a bill introduced in the house becomes a law A bill appropriating $28 000 000 for the support of the public schools for the next two years was also introduced The bill provides that teachers salaries shall be paid out of this sum and is intended to abolish local taxation for schools

The legislature of 1907 increased the appropriation to the public schools from $11 000 000 to $15 000 000

An anti noise bill prohibiting unnecessary noises in classified cities was also presented The bill prohibits the blowing of whistles for the assembling of workingmen at morning and noon hours and also unnecessary noises about moving picture places Another bill introduced abolishes the party square on the official ballot groups the candidates according to parties and requires the voter to place a mark after the name of each candidate for whom he desires to vote

Auditor General Young submitted to the house in response to a resolution passed by that body one week ago a report of the amount of mercantile taxes collected annually during 1906 and 1907 The report was referred to the committee on ways and means

The auditor general reports that the actual amount collected after all deductions had been made and paid into the state treasury was as follows 1906 $1 267 887 1907 $1 308 969 and 1908 $1 437 527

FINGERLING TROUT NOT A SUCCESS

State and National Governments No Longer Nurse Young Fish Before Placing Them in Streams

William P Meehan Commissioner of Fisheries of Pennsylvania announces that he will have probably 200 cans or 7 00 000 trout for distribution this spring These will be obtained from four hatcheries as follows Corry 3 000 000 Bellefonte 2 000 000 Wayne 1 000 000 Spruce Creek 500 000

Mr Meehan says that the experiment of sending out fingerling trout instead of fry for stocking purposes is being abandoned by one State after another The fact is he says if trout are nursed and fed until they are large enough to attract the attention of other fish without having been given a chance to learn to take care of themselves they only serve as a helpless prey to the finny tribe and educate them to cannibalism whereas if they are put into the little rivulets which feed the larger streams when but an inch in length they will be able to find what little they need to sustain life without much difficulty and at the same time learn to evade and escape their enemies

The United States Government which has furnished fingerlings (trout from three to five inches in length) is abandoning this method of stocking streams for the same reason

S L Seymour Visits the Region

S L Seymour Division Freight Agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg, in company with Fred P Truesdale Special Agent for that system in the Connellsville region were in the region for a couple of days this week visiting shippers and looking over conditions Mr Seymour was a guest Tuesday evening at the banquet given in connection with the dedication of Uniontown's new city building

Might Strain a Point

PITTSBURG Feb 9—Secretary Wilmot of the Carnegie Hero Commission says that Captain Sealby and the wireless operator Jack Binns of the sunken steamer Republic are not eligible for medals because they were outside of the three mile limit and were not in American waters

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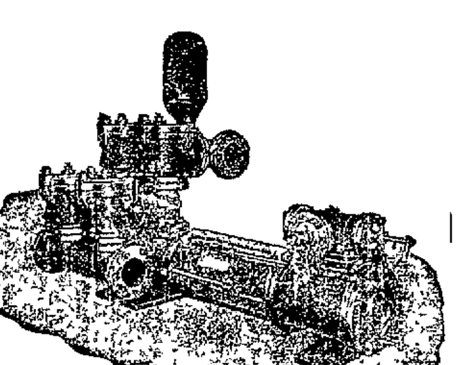

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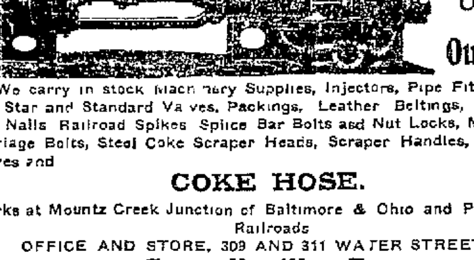

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THE COKE TRADE AND TARIFF REVISION

It seems that there is such a thing as too much coke and too little demand, even for the incomparable Connellsville variety. The trouble with the coke trade, the iron and steel trades, and a great many other industrial manufacturing enterprises is that the black and depressing shadow of Tariff revision hangs over them.

It is true that the Tariff will be revised in the house of Protection and that there is no good reason why industry should halt or doubt, but it is a well-established fact that capital is as timid as the untamed hare and is not to be reassured even by those who would be just and bid it fear not.

We may not, therefore, count with confidence upon a continued increase in coke trade prosperity and coke trade employment until the status of its allied interests is fully determined. In the meantime, the business interests of the Connellsville region must have patience and hope for the best.

However though the coke trade should stand still the business of the Connellsville region must necessarily go forward for the reason that the condition of those who now have employment is gradually but surely growing better. They are climbing out of the pit of debt and will soon be on spending footing again.

In the business world it is easy to fall down and hard to climb up but as long as we climb there need be no fears for the future.

WHY OUR COKE PLANTS WILL NOT BE MOVED

The Connellsville coke news of some of our contemporaries is more startling than sensible. It is given a lurid touch to comport with its industrial tone and the smoky character of its facts completes the picture but the picture is as inanimate as it is inaccurate.

The story printed this week that the United States Steel Corporation would cease all coking operations here and transfer them to Gary, Ind., whence their coal in this region would be hauled for coking in by-product ovens is an example.

It is true that some by-product ovens are contemplated if not actually in course of erection at the Gary plant, and that tests of low grade Indiana coals have been made in some of the ovens of this region with a view to ascertaining their coking qualities, but there is no possibility of any Connellsville region coke plant being abandoned until the coal which it reaches shall have been exhausted nor is there any reason to think that any coal from this region will be hauled to Gary to be coked in any kind of ovens.

It is possible, however, that the United States Steel Corporation, whose management has a keen sense of the importance of conserving its raw materials and lowering its costs of production, has in contemplation the coking of inexpensive low grade Indiana coals in by-product plants since the commercial possibilities of the proposition are reasonably plain.

The Indiana coke would not be as efficient as Connellsville coke but a larger quantity might in many cases accomplish the results at less cost especially when the value of the by-products are taken into consideration. It is merely a question of costs.

IS UNIONTOWN EXPERIENCING A GREAT AWAKENING?

Redstone Old Fort, Little Richmond, Mud Island and other wicked communities are avenged at last. One of Uniontown's numerous poker clubs was actually raided at an early hour Sunday morning and no less than ten True Sports were entangled in the meshes of the law.

The closer one gets to the Court House the more soundly and persistently doth Justice sleep. In fact, strange as it may seem, this is perhaps the first time on record that the Blind Goddess has been awake to the sound of poker chips gamboling on the green or playing tag with the kitty. But it is possible that the suppression of the godless Sunday newspapers, the soul-destroying soda water and the dutamifying peanut has inaugurated a great awakening of the public conscience which will sweep one of Uniontown historic institutions from existence.

If Uniontown will now reform some of its wicked editors and make them good, kind, peaceful and truthful citizens we will be almost persuaded that the County Seat will have become what it ought to be, a community of the Truly Good, a bright and shining example to the remainder of the county.

WHY CONSOLIDATION IS ADVISABLE FOR NEW HAVEN AND CONNELLSVILLE

The people will pass upon the proposition for the consolidation of the boroughs of Connellsville and New Haven at the election on Tuesday next. It is believed that the advocates of the measure are as strong in numbers as they are in arguments, and that the opposition is vice versa. The objections to consolidation are either negative in character or they are based upon false premises. We will first consider the advantages and later the objections so far as they have presented themselves to us.

The advantages of consolidation generally are those which accrue to all manner of corporate consolidations. Municipal corporations as well as industrial and financial corporations are enabled by judicious expansion to bring about large economies of operation and greater profit to their membership which is in one case composed of the citizens and in the other of the stockholders. This rule is in nowise altered or modified by reason of the fact that some larger towns and cities have been the victims of political grafters. Bringing the matter right home, we may say that there is less danger to be apprehended from this source in the proposed Greater Connellsville than has been experienced in the separate boroughs of Connellsville and New Haven in times past when they were much smaller than they now are. There is wisdom in a multitude of counsels, and it may be added that in an enlarged Councilmanic body or bodies there is less room for dishonesty. Consolidation therefore gives us reasonable assurance of more economical and more honest government than we have ever enjoyed before. In this respect its advantages extend to every citizen and taxpayer.

In the government of the larger as well as the smaller municipality all things are common and the benefits accrue equally to the citizens. This common gain is decreased by the expenses of separate government. Take this community as an example. If it were divided into seven small boroughs within the confines of each proposed ward we can readily see how the multiplicity of borough officials would be costly to the taxpayers. South Connellsville is talking about erecting itself into a borough. Its interests will be better subserved by consolidation with Connellsville just as in a greater degree will those of New Haven be promoted.

The primary advantage of consolidation may be suggested in a single simple query. Why are cities and towns built?

It is true that man is a gregarious animal but aside from that it is evident that there would be no considerable towns and no cities at all, unless the citizens had not found it both convenient and profitable to dwell together in such communities, and we have only to look about us to confirm the statement that the greater the community the greater the opportunities of its people for personal uplift in intelligence, enjoyment, wealth, power, fame. The larger the town or city the higher its real estate valuations and the greater its opportunities for advancement. Connellsville real estate valuations have grown with the growth of the town and so will they continue to grow. The advantages of growth are not theoretical. They have been amply demonstrated. The rule is an axiom.

This community is too big for proper government under the borough laws which are intended to govern smaller towns. We have grown to the proportions of a city and should for the better promotion of our interests jointly and severally take on a city government which is more complete and which fixes more definitely the responsibilities of public administration. Its Mayor for example is responsible for the police and for the executive conduct of affairs generally, while its Controller is responsible for the proper audit and honest character of all its expenditures. Connellsville alone now handles over $50,000 annually, yet an expert audit a few years ago utterly failed to ascertain where all the money had gone or whether it had been properly or improperly spent.

As noted in these columns recently other communities like Connellsville-New Haven and their suburbs are consolidating in order to secure to themselves under the coming census their right to be classed as cities and take on city government. A notable and nearby example is Uniontown. Some three years ago that borough took in a large portion of its suburbs. The lines were stretched out the Pike in both directions and extended almost to Leith on the south and to the Evans farm on the north. It is not unlikely that the coming census will give Uniontown a population exceeding 10,000 within its present borough lines and with it the city classification. If we remain separate boroughs we will be outclassed. We will be set down in the books of the business world as a halting and unenterprising community dying if not wholly dead and altogether unattractive to capital and industry. A vote against consolidation under these circumstances is a vote against progress. It is a vote to sign the death warrant of our prosperity.

Among the manifest advantages of consolidation to New Haven particularly are these:

1. Better schools, especially a High School that will furnish its young people with an education equivalent to the best academical learning and fit them for the work of life in almost any capacity without further schooling in expensive institutions, many of which spoil more men and women than they make. The Connellsville High School was recently pronounced by the State School Inspector to be the best and in fact the only real High School in Fayette county. Consolidation will give New Haven a Home College.

2. A free library that is a liberal education in itself for old as well as young.

3. Free postal delivery with possibly a sub-station in New Haven if desired by the citizens, though this will perhaps be found unnecessary when the postoffice building is completed on this side. The new building is located with a view to the convenience of New Haven as well as Connellsville, in fact with a view to the ultimate consolidation of the two boroughs.

4. The advantage of economy incident to coöperation in the matter of meeting the State's requirements regarding sanitary sewerage systems and sewage disposal plants. New Haven will be compelled to meet these demands separately if not jointly, and it is plain that a joint system will be the least expensive.

5. The same can be said for the Garbage furnaces which must eventually be built, either in both towns or in one consolidated town.

6. More efficient and economical fire protection and consequent better fire insurance rates.

7. The name of Connellsville, which is known all over the land by reason of the designation given to the finest furnace fuel in the world. In acquiring the name and becoming an integral part of Connellsville, New Haven acquires two more railroads. It gets a prominent place on the map, so to speak. Its citizens and its interests become associated with a name that is famous and a community which the coming census will show to be a city. In a word, then New Haven will be immediately transformed from a small and obscure borough to a city of size and importance, and its opportunities for growth and gain will thereby be sensibly promoted.

These advantages in some degree are reflected upon Connellsville also. It is part of the city sought to be established and will obtain a third railroad along with New Haven.

But New Haven citizens should put aside the notion sought to be impressed upon them that they will be dominated by Connellsville. There will no longer be any old Connellsville or any old New Haven but a new and greater community incidentally known as Connellsville but in fact composed of a union of interests that must work for the common good. The next Mayor of the City of Connellsville may just as likely come from the New Haven side of the river as from the Connellsville side. Much will depend upon the man. The Councilmanic government will be divided among seven wards and there is no more reason to think that the New Haven wards will not be treated fairly than that there will be discrimination between the Connellsville wards. Such arguments sound like the ebullitions of silly adolescence.

Equally shortsighted is the argument that the suburban sections will receive no benefits from consolidation. The New Haven Hill people for example fear they will not get free delivery without paved streets. Paved streets are not required for free delivery. The requirements are passable sidewalks and numbered houses. Paved streets will come to all portions of the city in due order. The unimproved portions have no reason to doubt their early improvement. The central portions already have paved streets. The work there is done. The taxes gathered from these richer sections will be used in due proportion for the extension of street paving and New Haven Hill has every reason to expect an earlier improvement in all her conditions under consolidation than she can possibly secure without it. The citizens there should make no mistake. They have a lively interest in the success of consolidation.

Worse even are the statements that consolidation will raise the taxes and the rents of New Haven people. The matter of taxation is specifically provided for in the consolidation agreement. Each old community will pay its old debts. The consolidated town will pay the expenses of its government out of the proceeds of an equal taxation. There is no more possibility of increased taxation under consolidation than there is under separation. In fact there is not as much. It is merely a question of economical government. Rents are purely a commercial proposition regulated wholly by the inevitable law of supply and demand and have absolutely no relation whatever to consolidation.

These are briefly some of the reasons why consolidation should be approved by the votes of the public-spirited progressive and intelligent citizens of both Connellsville and New Haven. We say briefly in spite of the unusual length of this deliverance, because the subject is a big one and must necessarily be treated broadly.

EITHER A SHOW DOWN OR A SHUT-UP NOW DUE

The Uniontown Herald tells its readers this funny story:

Until about two years ago the Republican factions fought out their fights at the primaries and took their [illegible] says the Connellsville Courier. We don't recognize the existence of Republican factions but that paper is [illegible] correct although the admission is inadvertent. However what is the use of threshing over old straw? The Courier knows that ever since the primaries of 1907 the faction it trains with has enlisted the services of a local weekly paper to abuse, vilify and libel the leaders of the Republican party in this county and the men who control the party organization, that the moving spirits in that faction have repeatedly knifed the Republican ticket since, but they have lent sympathy and material aid to the candidates of Prohibitionists and Democrats as against regularly nominated Republicans, that ever since the overthrow of that faction at the polls two years ago it has directed its animus and influence against certain Republican office holders and the Republican organization in this county.

The Herald in one breath says it does not recognize the existence of Republican factions and in the other proceeds to tell at length what bad people compose the rival Republican faction, but we pass by this inconsistency on the part of the impeccable.

The Courier does not know that the Prohibition organ of Fayette county is dominated or directed by any Republican influences to abuse anybody or that Republicans have repeatedly knifed the Republican organization whatever the latter is or has one Republican faction or another. La[illegible] been traitorous to its party. The Courier does not approve any such political methods and has never been a party to them. It, therefore heartily endorses the demand of The Herald expressed in these words: Let it come to a show down.

By all means let us have the facts. If The Herald has evidence upon which to base its indiscriminate charges, let it be produced. Failure to make its statements good will convict this factional mouthpiece of being a party troublemonger. Reckless charges of course abuse, quill attempts at wit and all the artifices of diversion will not distract the people from the point at issue.

If the Uniontown Herald doesn't see the point let it behold its reflection in the faithful glass of public opinion.

THE RECEPTIVE CANDIDACY OF THE SHOEMAKER ORATOR

We read with interest in the columns of the Johnstown Democrat that the Honorable Edward Callaghan of Charleroi, formerly of Fayette and Westmoreland counties, a local statesman of peregrinating proclivities known to fame as the Shoemaker Orator, is a receptive candidate for Governor on the platform: Equal rights to all, special privileges to none.

The Shoemaker Orator represented Westmoreland county in the Legislature of 1887 and sprang suddenly into fame as the author of a resolution to dispense with prayers in the House, explaining that prayers in the Pennsylvania Legislature were so purely a matter of form that they might as well be dispensed with. The resolution received but one vote but it demonstrated the Shoemaker Orator's ability to butt into the Halls of Fame occasionally.

The Shoemaker Orator never got back to the Legislature after his term of service in the House but he has been more or less of a standing receptive candidate ever since. His ambitions however mount higher as time meanders on. After the House his aspiration was the Senate. It has now leaped to the Governorship and likewise at the throat of Colonel James Madison Guffey. The Shoemaker Orator is profoundly of the opinion that the radical element of the Democratic party will go en masse to the Socialist party if the present State leadership is not changed. In other words Colonel Guffey is non persona grata to the radical element of the party.

The Democrat agrees with this sentiment. The Democrat has agreed with it for a long time. In fact The Democrat has perhaps inspired it. If we remember correctly the inspirations of the Shoemaker Orator were not always original but spontaneous though they were at times striking in diction and startling in purport.

Judging from the present utterances of the Shoemaker Orator and his past record he is a radical Democrat in the mood to embrace Socialism. It is not made quite clear on what ticket he aspires to run for Governor of Pennsylvania and perhaps he is receptive also in this particular but a close guess would place him on the Socialist ticket if he is placed at all.

THE LESSON OF THE VANDERBILT FIRE

The Vanderbilt fire is at this writing a mystery but there is no mystery about the value to Vanderbilt of better fire protection. Invested in fire-fighting equipment the cost of this fire would protect Vanderbilt from similar losses for many years to come.

Vanderbilt is a borough though it is a small one, and if it is too small to incur the debt necessary to proper fire protection it should take steps to become a part of a larger community.

This is an age of consolidation. Vanderbilt and Liberty and Dickerson Run should petition for admission to Dawson borough and the greater town should take steps toward securing a free bridge and better trolley service.

LOCAL OPTION LAWS MUST BE CONSISTENT

The Prohibition element of Washington county protests against Uncle Banks Holland's Local Option bill recently introduced in the House at Harrisburg on the ground that it is a fake bill the effect of which would be to compel the courts to grant liquor licenses indiscriminately in Wet districts.

We have not seen a copy of the bill but if this statement be true it only proves that the bill is a consistent measure. If it is compulsory to refuse licenses in districts which vote Dry it ought to be compulsory to grant them in districts which vote Wet.

This conclusion is supported by two well known axioms, namely: What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and It's a poor rule that does not work both ways.

Local Option laws like all other laws should be consistent.

SINNERS SHOULD NOT THROW STONES

We do not agree with the politics nor the policy of the Uniontown Tribune, Prohibition organ, and we have on occasions said so. The Prohibition organ has published columns of scandalous and libelous matter, and the fact that it has hitherto been unmolested may or may not argue the truth of its statements but it is not becoming in the Uniontown Herald and Genius Combine to throw stones at Colonel Likins. They are not themselves without sin.

It was the opinion of many people found these diggings that Kentucky journalism would sooner or later bring its day of reckoning, says the Uniontown Herald.

The Herald will be fortunate if this sentence does not prove prophetic.

A Washington county man appointed to a minor office in the present Legislature journeyed to Harrisburg at the opening of the session. Arriving there he walked up to the Capitol front, looked long and earnestly at the big building, entered between its flanked by the great bronze doors, gazed dumbly at the marble and gold of the rotunda with its magnificent paintings, and exclaimed to a companion: "Begosh, I don't see how they built it for the money."

West Virginia proposes to go Pennsylvania one better by taxing oil and gas as well as coal production. The Mountain State has recently gotten the taxing habit.

Uniontown seems to be one kind of a coke center.

The Cossacks can stand the cutting remarks of the Johnstown Democrat better than the cutting attacks of quarrelsome foreigners.

Henry Walters, who has presented Baltimore with a splendid art collection, is a prominent railroad man who got his preliminary railway training at Connellsville under the late Edward K. Hydman, who was General Superintendent.

The railroad brakeman who steered three loaded runaway coke cars down a steep and crooked grade at the rate of sixty miles an hour is qualified to enter for the Vanderbilt cup race.

Uncle Sam's battleship commanders are not permitted to booze battily on shipboard.

There may be a feeling of dignity and pride in paying taxes but the average citizen usually manages to successfully hide it.

It has been discovered that the Tennessee Coal & Iron deal was not a charitable investment on the part of the United States Steel Corporation. The discovery is not very remarkable.

A Central District Federal Court at Altoona may be all right for some of the adjacent counties but it is ridiculous to place Fayette county in that district. We are within easy reach of Pittsburg and we would be seriously inconvenienced by being sent to remote Altoona. Further more we are but one small degree removed from the extreme Southwestern corner of the state.

Coke smoke is going right when it goes up and wrong when it goes out.

Waynesburg not only wants a trolley service but she wants the earth along with it.

Up in Somerset county cows are sometimes used as pin cushions. The practise is not however recommended by Secretary Critchfield of the Department of Agriculture.

The National Forester told the Pennsylvania statesmen some hard wood facts.

The coke oven Turk is returning to prominence as a rival of the trolley car and the railroad train as a life crusher.

A projected $2,000,000 independent steel company at Chicago will not help the independent coke operators a bit.

The Monongahela river coal is going out, that is to say it is going out of the hands of its holders and into the hands of people who will start it on its way to market.

The steel mine car seems to have come to stay.

When we consider the number and character of the fool bills introduced at Harrisburg we begin to understand why the Constitution provided for biennial sessions of the Legislature.

The Johnstown Tribune says: The Courier is the accredited organ of the coke department of the Steel Trust. [illegible] The Courier is the recognized organ of the Connellsville coke trade that is it is [illegible] its compilations of production, output, prices and other features of the coke trade are accepted in governmental and trade circles as authoritative. To this extent only is The Courier an organ of the coke trade and to no extent whatever is it the organ of the coke department of any other department of the Steel Trust or any other trust.

The Connellsville and New Haven license papers show some changes in the applicants.

The perennial pestiferousness of California in the expression of anti-Japanese sentiment suggests that the regulation of foreign relations is exclusively the power of the Federal Government and should be complete in all its ramifications.

The Trust Busting industry gives indications of an active revival.

Scottdale has been added to the list of Institute towns. The idea that Institutes must be held at the county seat to be successful is fast being dissipated.

The razor has its uses, but the State Constabulary prefers that it be confined to shaving purposes.

Some Fayette county women know how to shoot and are not afraid to shoot when bad men try to break into their homes.

The hot air of the coke region does not all come from the ovens.

The biggest ship in the navy is named for the smallest State. It is a case where the smallest shall some day be first.

The Crow family was represented in the Philippines. Connellsville sent its representative and he acquitted himself so well that he came home Captain. The Crow family are not bad even if some of them are Democrats.

Somerset county is reported to be growing lemons other than those of the political variety. The crop has been too great abundance of the latter in late years and there is a disposition to restrict the crop.

Local Option will be fought out in the open at Harrisburg.

The Cossacks sometimes get mixed up with a [illegible] but so long as they did order the country [illegible] committed.

The Meat Trust is being robbed in Uniontown. Perhaps the robbers thought it was all between friends.

Jamaica ginger jags are dangerous.

DIED.

Anton Teichert

After an illness of several years Anton Teichert, aged 74 years, a former well known German resident of Juniataville and Buena Vista, died Thursday at the home of his son Paul Teichert at Vanderbilt. Mr. Teichert had been in poor health for some time [illegible] not serious until Sunday morning when he was taken suddenly ill. Since Wednesday morning he had been unconscious, remaining in that state until the time of his death. Death was due to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Teichert was born and reared in Germany. About 40 years ago he came to this country settling at Buena Vista, Allegheny county, and later moved to Juniataville. Since the death of his wife which occurred 17 years ago at Buena Vista Mr. Teichert has made his home among his children. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church of West Newton and was well and favorably known in the section.

Mr. Teichert is survived by the following children: Paul [illegible] and Mrs. Fred Biker of Vanderbilt, Mrs. Herman Ehrlich of Scott Haven, Mrs. Herman Glisser of Buena Vista, Mrs. Anna Seidel, Herman and [illegible] of Germany, [illegible] of Duquesne and Fred Teichert of Dravosburg.

Mrs. Smith Baldwin

PAPERCOPOLIS, Feb. [illegible]—At his home in Layton Tuesday morning Smith Baldwin, aged 65 years, mother of the boys of [illegible] who fought for the union [illegible] years passed away. [illegible] the brain was the immediate cause of his death. He is survived by a wife and six children, three sons and three daughters. [illegible] Order of Senior Mechanics of which he was a member had charge of the funeral service [illegible] Church [illegible] on Tuesday [illegible] o'clock, Rev. [illegible] of Perryopolis, assisted by Rev. [illegible] of Layton officiated. [illegible] in the Washington Run [illegible] brought the remains to [illegible] where [illegible] interment [illegible] tery about [illegible]

Mrs. Hulda Mountain

After a protracted illness Mrs. Hulda Mountain, aged about 77 years, and one of the oldest and [illegible] known residents of [illegible] died Sunday at her late home. Complication of diseases was the cause of her death. [illegible] will take place [illegible] from the family residence. Interment in Confluence.

Mrs. Mountain was the widow of the late William Mountain who [illegible] Confluence [illegible] years ago. Her maiden name was Miss [illegible] Ogg. Practically all her life she spent at Confluence. She was a devout member of the Baptist Church and was highly esteemed by her many friends. Mrs. Mountain is survived by Mrs. [illegible] Nelson of Main street, New Haven.

Mrs. John Stull

OHIOPYLE, Feb. [illegible]—Mrs. John Stull who has been ill at her home at Wills Corner with consumption for the past few years succumbed to the dread disease Friday evening shortly after [illegible] o'clock. She leaves her husband and eight children, six boys and two girls. She is also survived by her sister Mrs. Samuel Burnworth of [illegible] and [illegible] of near White [illegible] of Somerset [illegible] Vermont [illegible] Funeral services were held in the White Corner Church, interment [illegible] White Corner Cemetery. Mrs. Stull had won a host of friends throughout the community [illegible] all regret to learn of her sudden [illegible]

Mrs. Isabella Dawson

Mrs. Isabella Dawson, aged [illegible] and eleven months, widow of the late Policeman Norris Dawson of Connellsville, died Wednesday afternoon [illegible] o'clock at the home of [illegible] Dawson [illegible] Baldwin [illegible] after a protracted illness.

Mrs. Dawson was the [illegible] of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward [illegible] and has resided in [illegible] county all her life. For a number of years she has resided in Connellsville [illegible] She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. [illegible] and [illegible] and two sons, Joseph [illegible] Dawson.

Christopher J. Rose

GREENSBURG, Feb. [illegible]—Christopher J. Rose, aged [illegible] retired school teacher [illegible] died at his home here. He was born in East Huntingdon township and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Surviving [illegible] widow who was Miss [illegible] and the following children: Mrs. W. H. Meyer of Indiana; [illegible] of Mt. Pleasant; [illegible] Rose of Chicago; W. H. and Miss Rose of Greensburg.

John J. Davis

John J. Davis, aged 17 years, died at the home of his grandmother Mrs. Mary A. Dunn at [illegible] Sunday evening at [illegible] He had [illegible] been ill of tuberculosis. Two brothers and two sisters, Arthur, [illegible] Anna and Ruth survive [illegible] John and [illegible] Dunn Davis [illegible] The funeral took place [illegible] morning at 10:00 with interment at Smithfield.

John Rauber

John Rauber, aged [illegible] was proprietor of the [illegible] on the Greensburg pike for more than thirteen years, died at his home in East McKeesport Monday after a short illness. Mr. Rauber was born in Allegheny. He leaves a widow, [illegible] daughters, Mrs. Frank Hizlett and Mrs. [illegible] Bailey of East McKeesport, and one son.

Andrew Lawrence Coyle

Andrew Lawrence Coyle, little son of Lawrence and Agnes Coyle, died Wednesday afternoon [illegible] on Arch street [illegible] several days illness [illegible] months.

Emerging From Its Cold Water Bath
Fayette City Journal

Oh yes you old backbiters and sticks in the mud individuals [illegible] is some day going to have a factory and will forget about [illegible] notwithstanding your cold water effort. You won't do anything yours if not give any encouragement to those who really have the best interests of the town at heart. [illegible] If there is a town with more interest [illegible] persons who have [illegible] less influence than this we would like to hear of it. There are a whole lot of people with whom [illegible] get in the hence with persons who should [illegible] more [illegible] about them.

Latrobe Has a Lively Campaign
Coke Bulletin

The political caldron is again doing business at the same old stand [illegible] will be taken up [illegible] the list [illegible] hear most anything [illegible] the men who are now running for office. The man who is willing to malign character [illegible] for [illegible] stops at [illegible] things which you would never have dreamt [illegible] regarding the men who wish to fill the offices at the [illegible] disposal.

It's a bad foreigner who circulates bad foreign money but by the same token it would seem to be a bad banker who allowed himself to be imposed upon.

CARRIES MESSAGE TO THE FARMERS.

Something About the Optimistic Personality of B. Monroe Posten.

AT THE SCOTTDALE INSTITUTE

The Big Message is Coming, for the Multitude Must Be Fed, and the Exodus From the Farm Must Be Cured.

By A. L. Foster.

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 8—The country is facing a grave problem and like most problems we like to put off the solution, thinking that the time will take care of itself. But there are those who think the only time is now. One of them is B. Monroe Posten who is one of the lecturers sent out by the State to speak to the Farmers' Institutes which are not altogether farmers gatherings either, or the people are beginning to learn that good things come to the farmers as well as other people, and so the Farmers' Institutes are crowded with all kinds and sizes of humanity at Scottdale last week. I want to take a little of the reader's time by telling something of Mr. Posten, for he is a sample of what the State is doing in the way of spreading a movement to better the farmer's condition, keep the boy and the girl on the farm and get them ready to feed the multitude which will go starving one of these bright days if ever bolts hurries away to the city and joins that innumerable throng that tramps the bricks and tries to force and forgive their hungry stomachs. Mr. Posten radiates sunshine, he is an optimist and he is a minister. He preaches on a Sunday regularly in the Baptist Church at Sheakleyville, Pa. He preached yesterday for his friend Rev. Swiggart at the Baptist Church Dunbar. He is one of those fellows that either by nature or habit looks on the sunnyside. On the week day he gets right out into the sun. He tells me that the best sermons he preaches so the people tell him and so he thinks himself is after he has put a day digging potatoes or some other perspiration practice. He says then he knows how the other fellow feels. He raises poultry, has won over [illegible] premiums, has judged 5000 fowls and has sold eggs and fowls in every State in the Union and some down in Panama and over in Burmah. Besides being of the long grass and the pumpkins he takes a turn at town affairs for he is president of the Borough Council and likewise president of the School Board of his native town.

He don't tell these things himself, for I found them out elsewhere but you don't talk two minutes with him until you know you have found a fellow with a message. That's what the State thought too when it captured him and started him out to make the farmers whistle and their wives hum as they go about their work. He carries a message. He does not claim to carry the big message but he believes that the big message is coming along to the farmers. He thinks that a man will rise at the proper time as he has always risen at the beckoning hand of Providence in this country when a crisis came who will deliver the message to the farmers. The crisis and the question is the future feeding of the multitude. The tendency of the farmers to leave the farm and seek the already crowded cities is a most serious one.

This is a long introduction to give a man but it helps along in showing what [illegible] is after now. Mr. Posten talked of the question in this manner. He said:

A wrong idea of liberty (the most used and abused word in the world today) has crept into our thought. There is the right type in the Declaration of Independence. The demagogue the demi[illegible] the boys all cry for it like the [illegible] for [illegible] and neither would know any more about it than the [illegible] would know [illegible] a hog [illegible] Then they see what they have lost.

Second the boy must see some [illegible] for himself on the farm and then he will remain. Men on farms in old Testament times made names for themselves that are still to be just as of [illegible] millions who read what [illegible] with a rod cut out of a thicket on a farm led Israel on to the Promised Land. Shamgar with [illegible] slew 600 Philistines under [illegible] David knew how to sling [illegible] uncovered brow of defying Goliath [illegible] on a farm [illegible] The past [illegible] wonderful inspiration of the [illegible]

[illegible] of usefulness and opportunity [illegible] to clear sighted farmer boys. Working with the Creator [illegible] of universe [illegible] Honor God [illegible] soil it honors [illegible] and your crop will [illegible]

[illegible] farmer boy the educational [illegible] of the city boy [illegible] work [illegible] under the [illegible]

[illegible] of the country church [illegible] in keeping the boy on the farm. Yet in one half of the towns the churches who don't believe [illegible] closed to Farmers' Institutes [illegible] to crowd into small [illegible] entitled [illegible] to hear [illegible] daily bread [illegible] church will go [illegible] Give us [illegible] when you refuse the State [illegible] right [illegible] in the [illegible] with the farmers who know [illegible] don't know how. Nothing [illegible] call it a church [illegible] that don't see which way [illegible] like the old Jewish institution they will crumble as the onward march of progress bump up against it.

ECHARD FINALLY ARRESTED IN PITTSBURG YESTERDAY.

Secret Service Officer Irons Picks Him Up and Two Other Sleuths Get on Trail About Same Time.

HE IS NOW IN COUNTY JAIL.

In Addition to Alleged Connection With Attempt to "Fix" Rinehart Jury "Fat Man" Is Wanted For Issuing Bad Checks

PITTSBURG Feb 6—John Echard wanted in connection with the alleged attempt to bribe a juror in the Rinehart case was thrice captured about 6 o clock last evening. He is now in jail, being unable to furnish the required bond of $2 500

All of the officials connected with the office of United States Marshal Stephen P Stone were looking for Echard So was Captain W J Tarney head of a private detective agency

Ditto Willis Stockdale a constable connected with the office of Alderman J V McMasters

Tanney wanted Echard on an information filed with Alderman McMasters by M F Maloney proprietor of a cafe at Grant and Diamond streets Maloney says that he cashed a check for Echard for $12 which was returned with a no funds mark on it

Constable Stockdale was after Echard in connection with another alleged bad check which resulting in the filing of an information before Alderman McMasters

And incidentally there was a story going the rounds in official circles last night that United States Commissioner William T Lindsey had recently cashed a check for Echard under rather interesting circumstances It was for only $5

Not long ago it is stated he became bold enough to invade the Federal building United States Commissioner Lindsey saw a fat man who appeared to be in a dilemma. Mr Lindsey is noted for being a very considerate man

He is said to have observed that the fat man appeared to be in trouble and asked if he could be of any service to him

He couldn t

The fat man was looking for Judge Ewing who the fat man explained always cashed his checks for him when he became short of money—the judge was a great friend of his

Well if you are a friend of Judge Ewing Commissioner Lindsey is reported to have said, I will accommodate you

This was satisfactory and a check for $5 is said to have been then and there cashed for $5

Nothing has been said since as to whether the check came back marked no funds

It was shortly before 6 o clock last evening that United States Deputy Marshal Joseph Irons was walking out Forbes street in the vicinity of Sixth avenue Two men were walking toward him at a rapid rate and one of them accidentally bumped against him He was a fat man

Oh I beg your pardon" said the fat man turning toward Deputy Marshal Irons

Why hello John said the deputy

The other halted

I guess I want you continued the deputy

Deputy Irons escorted Echard toward the Federal building When they reached the Frick building Echard sent his friend to see an attorney he is said to have employed While Echard and Irons were standing in front of the building engaged in conversation another man approached them He was Captain W T Tarney

The new arrival immediately placed a hand on Echard s shoulder and said

I want you Come along

Hold on there said Irons That man is my prisoner'

The two officers and Echard himself were indulging in a laugh over the situation when another man appeared He was Constable Willis Stockdale He took one good look at Echard and then made a quick grab for him

'At last said the constable Come with me John Echard

Hold on there said Deputy Irons again, and once more explanations followed

Soon thereafter Echard was led to the Federal building and taken before his erstwhile benefactor Commissioner Lindsey The Commissioner lost no time in holding Echard under $2 500 bail for a hearing next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o clock Bail could not be furnished and in a few minutes Mr Echard was among the prisoners at the county jail

Echard George M Worley and James L. Smith are alleged to have tried to reach Charles A See a juror in the Rinehart case through his friend K Rudolph Wismer an Ambridge real estate dealer See resided in Ambridge He is a carpenter by trade

Merchants' Association Officers

Officers of the Greensburg Business Men s Association were elected as follows President Henry M Zundell Vice President W F Scheibler Secretary Harry E Blank Treasurer Andrew E Martin The annual banquet will be held February 11 with Deputy Attorney General Cunningham as the principal speaker

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HONOR FOR FRANKS

School Directors Elect Him Vice President of State Association

Charles B Franks Superintendent at Leisenring was elected Vice President of the Pennsylvania School Directors Association which is holding its convention in Harrisburg

Mr Franks is Secretary of the Dunbar Township School Board and is one of the most able school men in this section He also knows as much about coke as any man in the region

SENATOR W. E. CROW GIVES BAIL HIMSELF

For a Hearing Before the Justice Charged With Using Knock Down Arguments

Senator Wm E Crow Friday night gave bail for a hearing before Justice Joseph Watt at Oliver on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Justice Daniel M Bierer of Uniontown The suit grows out of a knock down argument in the attorney s room of the Court House on Thursday afternoon The Justice called the Senator a liar and the Senatorial dignity was forgotten in a hot rush of passion inspired by the short and ugly word The word was answered by a blow that laid the Philippine hero prostrate

The trouble grew out of the arrest of a member of Captain Bierer s company named Max Hanan charged by Sheriff Johns with disorderly conduct in August last Senator Crow was retained by Hanan as his attorney and says he signed a blank bail bond for Hanan s appearance before the Justice for a hearing on the charges that he requested this hearing several times but that Justice Bierer said he did not want to hear the case because the defendant was one of his boys in the Philippines and he didn t want him to have any trouble and finally that Bierer suggested that the matter be allowed to die out and this was acceptable to Crow and his client

But it was not acceptable to Sheriff Johns apparently and he insisted up on the matter being brought into court Hanan was accordingly arrested on a process and locked up in jail Senator Crow protested to Judge Umbel in open court Justice Bierer was sent for His record showed that a hearing had been waived and that the bail bond was a bond for Hanan s appearance at September court Justice Bierer contended that this was a correct record of the proceedings and the dispute resulted in the one which laid him out

In the subsequent hearing before Judge Umbel it developed that the case was not returned to court until the December term and that the bail bond was therefore void The court reprimanded Justice Bierer told the District Attorney that he had no right to take the proceedings he had taken and ordered the release of Hanan

THEY GROW LEMONS IN SOMERSET NOW

J M Rummel of Near Windber Has Succeeded in Raising Two of Them

Lemons have been grown in Somerset county as the following from the Johnstown Tribune would show

The lemon is believed to be the largest ever seen in these parts measuring 13 inches around the long way 12¼ inches the short way and weighing one pound and two ounces And it was grown at Rummel Somerset county a few miles from Windber

The tree which produced this remarkable lot of fruit still flourishes in a room on the second floor of the farm house of J M Rummel the founder of the town, one of the widely known residents of the district Mr Rummel bought the tree when it was only a few inches high planted it in proper soil in a half bushel measure and has looked after it so carefully that it is now nearly four feet tall and nicely proportioned About a month ago it was so covered with fruit that the branches threatened to break and the tree became an object of interested curiosity for miles around Only two of the lemons matured however—the one which Mr Rummel handed The Tribune and one which Mrs Rummel made up into a splendid lemon pie

Mrs. Yeager Brings Suit

Suit was started Wednesday by Attorney A C Hagan in behalf of Mrs Frances P Yeager against the Summit Hotel Company to recover $1 176 11 with interest from July 1 last for services rendered and accounts charged against the company during the months of March April May and June when she was in charge of the magnificent property at the Summit She declares that the money is due for workmen who boarded with her and for ice saw dust meal tickets cleaning the hotel and freight paid all of which was done upon the authority of the officers of the company

FLAMES SWEEP VANDERBILT; $25,000 LOSS IS SUSTAINED.

Five Stores and Dwelling Destroyed by Fire Thursday Morning. Balance of Business Section Is Threatened---Lack of Water Handicapped Fire Fighters.

Vanderbilt was visited by a destructive fire Thursday which originated in the business block owned by Blair & Johnston in Main street and resulted in the total destruction of five stores and one dwelling But little was saved from any of the burning buildings Estimated loss is $25 000

The fire was discovered shortly after seven o clock and is believed to have gained its start beneath the barber shop run by Louis Vicovish The block is built over a hill the buildings having been supported by piles The opening beneath the stores gave the flames a chance to burn freely and within a few minutes the entire block was ablaze The flames burned towards the east and it was with difficulty that the Commercial Hotel was saved from destruction

The residence of L Grant Blair was totally destroyed as was Mr Blair s grocery store and harness shop the Vicovish barber shop William Johnston s pool room and Joseph Staman s clothing store met a like fate

When the first alarm of fire was given there was a concerted rush of volunteers to save everything possible But the flames had gained great headway and it was practically impossible to save any of the stock or fixtures in the doomed buildings Practically none of the Blair household goods were saved

It soon became evident that the business block and dwelling could not be saved and then efforts were centered upon saving adjoining property James Laughrey chief of the Dawson fire department which came to give assistance centered the work of his men on this building and was successful in preventing its destruction The butcher shop on the west end of the block was also saved So fierce was the heat from the burning buildings that the paint was scorched from the residences and stores on the opposite side of Main street

When the fire raged at its height the entire business section of Main street seemed doomed and there was a hasty attempt to remove stock to a place of safety Alleys and streets were littered with canned goods groceries and stocks of all sorts

Superintendent Thomas Henderson of Paul works probably did more than any other individual on the scene As soon as he learned of the fire he organized a volunteer fire company from the employes at the Rainey plant and with hose and other equipment rushed to the scene The one lone fire plug did not furnish sufficient supply of water so the few streams which could be turned on the blaze were directed at the smoking buildings adjoining the burning block to prevent them from catching fire

Frantic appeals for aid were sent to Dawson and Connellsville the former town sending its volunteer department to the scene In Connellsville Chairman B P Wallace of the Public Safety Committee was asked for a company but none were sent from here After the fire was under control several of the local firemen went down to look at the ruins

Of the $25 000 loss most of it was sustained by L G Blair He had just recently purchased the harness shop in addition to occupying the dwelling and grocery store The block was owned by Blair & Johnston the latter being the proprietor of the pool room which was destroyed Compared with the loss the insurance was small Most of the insurance was carried with Connellsville agents

There is much mystery surrounding the origin of the fire Opinion was general that the blaze began beneath Staman clothing store but those early on the scene deny this The fire has resulted in criticism of the Town Council at that place which refused to purchase hose for the borough The only equipment on hand for fighting the fire was that brought to the scene by the Rainey people and the Dawson fire department

Postmaster Pinched

ROCKWOOD Feb 6—A mild sensation was created here with the arrest yesterday of Anonio Depompe postmaster at Pinkerton and proprietor of a store there charged with selling iron and brass belonging to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad The arrest was made by Special Officer T F Ludwig of Rockwood and Depompe was held for court after a hearing before Justice of the Peace J R Haines of this place

It is alleged that Depompe had collected a large amount of brass and scrap iron and had sold it A large number of witnesses attended the hearing Depompe was defended by Attorney C L Shaver of Somerset

BANQUET PLACE FINALLY DECIDED.

Merchants Will Hold Their Annual Gathering In New Armory.

THEY GOT ALL TWISTED UP.

Y M C A Ladies Wanted It Held in the Auditorium But The King's Daughters Said They Could Do The Job At The Armory

The Merchants Association after much confusion had resulted has at last decided upon where the annual banquet will be held on Lincoln s Birthday The affair will be given in the Armory and the King's Daughters of the Trinity Lutheran Church will serve the repast.

There was a mixup over selecting the place for the banquet Last year it was given in the Slavish hall in New Haven and this year plans were originally made to have it in the Armory But the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y M C A which was scheduled to serve the dinner said the Armory afforded no place to prepare the feast Then the merchants decided to meet in the auditorium of the Y M C A for they knew the Ladies Auxiliary of that organization could be depended upon to serve a feast fit for kings

But when the Kings Daughters came to the front with a glowing reputation for culinary skill the committee in charge of the banquet was nonplussed Finally deciding that the Armory would afford more elbow room for the diners they cancelled the Y M C A order and the banquet will be held on State property

Judge R E Umbel of Uniontown has signified his intention of attending the banquet of the Merchants Association and will deliver the eulogy on Lincoln In his letter accepting the invitation Judge Umbel says the press of a busy court session may prevent him from preparing a lengthy address so he will dwell on the principal features of the martyred President s career

Judge Umbel and M O Leighton of the Geological Survey will be the only headliners on the list of speakers Impromptu speeches will likely be made

Three Pairs of Twins

The arrival of twins at the home of Mr and Mrs Harry Witt of Addison make the third pair of twins to be born in Addison this year The first was born on January 21 Mr Witt is a brother of James Witt a West Penn conductor

NEW U. S. COURT DISTRICT IS URGED

Bill Provides for Holding Sessions at Altoona Johnstown and Greensburg

Congressman Reynolds of Bedford has introduced a bill to create a judicial district to be known as the Central district of Pennsylvania to be composed of the counties of Mifflin Huntingdon Fulton Bedford Blair Center Clearfield Jefferson Indiana Cambria Somerset Westmoreland and Fayette It provides for the holding of court at Altoona beginning the third Monday of January and the third Monday of June each year at Johnstown beginning on the third Monday of March and September and at Greensburg beginning the third Monday of April and on the first Monday of November

The prospect of the passage of the bill may be indicated by the fact that at the hearing given the Pittsburg delegation last week it was stated that it was the policy of the committee to provide additional judges instead of making new districts

WEST PENN PLANS CONNECTING LINK.

Report Is That West Penn Line Will Be Extended to Morgan and Hunker.

SEEKS TOWN'S LIGHT PLANT.

Negotiations Said to Be Pending for Purchase of Municipal Lighting Outfit at West Newton Which Has Long Been a Failure—Plan is Favored.

That the lines of the West Penn at McKeesport and in the coke region are to be connected is a rumor which comes from West Newton where the big electric company is said to be negotiating for the purchase of the municipal lighting plant of that town After an experience extending over 16 years West Newton is said to be about ready to drop municipal ownership of light and power, and the Town Council at that place is reported to be favorable to granting a franchise to the West Penn

The negotiations in West Newton have given rise to a report that the connecting link between the two branches of the West Penn will be built by a line from McKeesport following the left bank of the Youghiogheny river and thence up the Sewickley valley to Hunker where the West Penn and old Pittsburg McKeesport and Greensburg terminals connect

It is said that a good portion of the right of way for this line has already been secured and that few obstacles would block the path of the proposed project

Too Much Dynamite

WEST NEWTON Pa Feb 2—(Special)—Dynamiters excavating a cut in the branch railroad being built by the Youghiogheny and Ohio Coal Company are terrorizing residents of Bells Mills A rock was hurled 1 200 feet tearing a corner off the residence of W P Bell Another weighing several tons was thrown nearly a quarter of a mile into one of Bell s fields

Snakes in Springfield.

NORMALVILLE Feb —The snakes of Springfield township have come out in the open after a brief period of hibernation and it is presumed that the recent thunder storm caused them to wake up

The first official snake story comes from John B Pritts which is substantiated by reliable witnesses While working about his house Thursday Mr Pritts killed a reptile which measured inches from head to tail

The snake was sunning itself near the Pritts porch when killed Mr Pritts quickly dispatched it and made a search for its mate but of no avail

TWO MEN KILLED WHEN CAGE DROPS.

Officials Blame Machinery for Accident in Somerset County Thursday.

TEN LIVES WERE ENDANGERED.

Victims Are Caught When Cage Ascends and Engineer Stops Just In Time to Save Others—Coroner Kimmell to Conduct Investigation

BOSWELL Feb 5—The machinery more than the engineer is blamed by those officials concerned for the death of two miners yesterday morning at Shaft No 1 of the tenners Quemahoning Coal Company at Jerome The dead

Mike Muderick aged years and married

Charles Bergess, aged years and unmarried

The engineer whose name is being withheld by the coal company says something got wrong with the machinery and he was unable to control the cage He is a new man having entered the employ of the company last Saturday but has the reputation of being an experienced engineer He hoisted and lowered the miners every day since last Saturday and seemed to understand the machinery thoroughly Following the double fatality he went to his boarding house and he appears to be greatly affected by the accident

The two men who were killed together with eight others boarded the cage to be lowered as members of the day force For a number of feet the elevator descended at the usual speed but suddenly it dropped with a swiftness sickening to the ten passengers Bergess and Muderick according to the other miners attempted to jump off the moment the cage struck the bottom Before they could do this however it shot upward and they were caught between the timbers and the cage the head of Bergess being torn from the trunk The other occupants managed to signal the engineer and the cage was brought to a stop the eight getting off uninjured

There is a probability that an inquest for the purpose of placing the blame for the deaths of the two miners will be conducted by Coroner W S Kimmell of Somerset

The bodies have been prepared for burial by Undertaker Diehrick of Windber but no time has been set for the funerals

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LIKINS SUED AGAIN

Criminal Libel Charge is Made by William Cunningham

UNIONTOWN Feb 6—Another criminal libel has been entered against Editor W M Likins of the Peoples Tribune and W B Cunningham formerly of the county jail is the prosecutor It is alleged to have been published following the recent Beth Pie Festival that Cunningham is Father of Her Babe

Charles Hough was accused of the paternity it is said and not Cunningham This will get a hearing before Justice Bierer next Tuesday

TAKEN ILL DURING TRIAL; PREECE DIED

Taken Sick at Court and Meningitis of the Brain Developed Lived at Dunbar

After a brief illness William Preece aged 38 a well known resident of Dunbar died at his late home in Dunbar at an early hour Saturday Mr Preece was taken suddenly ill at court at Uniontown Wednesday He appeared in court as plaintiff in an action to recover damages from the Fayette County Railroad Company which in widening and extending its tracks encroached upon Preece s property in Dunbar

Mr Preece was seized with severe pains in his head and came home from the County Seat Wednesday evening He went to bed suffering severely and a physician was summoned during the night The next day the patient had a high fever and was irrational lingering in that condition until just after midnight when death came Physicians pronounced meningitis of the brain as the cause of death

Mr Preece was a native of England coming to this country when quite young He located at Mechanicsburg where he was married For sixteen years he has resided in Dunbar Mr Preece was a thirty second degree Mason a member of the Bloomsburg consistory and held a membership in the Commanders at Uniontown He was also a member of the Dunbar lodges I O O F Knights of Pythias and the Royal Arcanum No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral

Mr Preece is survived by his widow two children Sarah and William his mother and several brothers who reside in England

COCHRAN SCHOOL WON FIFTH CONTEST

This Time Spellers From Cunningham Fell Before Prowess of Miss Painter's Class

The students of the Cochran school were again the victors in the fifth of a series of spelling contests planned by the teacher Miss Ethel Painter of Dawson The students spelled Friday against the students of the Cunningham school For the past several weeks the Cochran students have carried off the honors in four of the contests held between the Cochran school and Spring Grove school

The students of Cochran school range from 9 to 14 years and since the opening of the contests have made quite a record in spelling When the last speller from the Cunningham school was spelled down the following persons representing the Cochran school were still up William Herbert captain Henry Livingston August Mack Steve Mack Emmit Livingston Stella Fulmer Harry and Jesse Bonner The captain of the Cunningham spellers was Charles Bonner At the conclusion of the regular contest a challenge contest was held in which the Cochran spellers lost out

DOPE FIENDS CAUGHT BY COUNTY DETECTIVE

Three Are Arrested By McBeth on Various Charges—They Are Cocaine Victims

UNIONTOWN Feb 6—After they had caused considerable trouble for the past few months County Detective Alex McBeth yesterday went before Justice of the Peace Bierer and made information against Joseph Stewart and Nettie Stewart on the charge of conducting a disorderly house at 1 3 Green street and against Henry Jackson charged with selling cocaine Three other women were charged with being in a disorderly house

For a long time quantities of cocaine have been shipped into Uniontown and the detectives have been on the case for several months It is asserted that the cocaine was secured in Washington county a Monongahela physician writing the prescription and a Connellsville druggist furnishing the drug

SUIT AGAINST RAILROAD LOST.

Another Non-Suit Granted When Corporation Was Defendant in Court.

SUNDRY CIVIL MATTERS

Auditor Files Report in Disputed Dunbar Estate—Masontown Councilmen File Demurrers in Ouster Proceedings—Foreigner Sues Union

UNIONTOWN Feb 6—During the trial of the case of Peter Forley against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company an action to recover for the death of the plaintiff s wife, Bridget Forley some expert testimony was introduced by the plaintiff to show the speed at which the Duquesne Limited was traveling through Dawson the morning of July 1907 when Mrs Forley was struck at a street crossing The expert was Cummings on who said he had worked as brakeman and fireman on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie for 25 years and conductor 6 months He declared that in his estimation the train was traveling at the rate of 25 to 30 miles an hour As he where he was standing at the time he noticed the train he said he had just stepped out of the barroom of the Dawson House

The plaintiff s testimony went to show that the Dawson borough authorities had taken steps to have the speed of trains reduced while they were passing through the borough It was also shown that Mrs Forley stepped on the track directly in front of the train

At the close of the plaintiff s testimony Attorneys D W McDonald and T H Hudson moved for a compulsory non suit There was a long argument before the court between attorneys for the defense and Attorney A E Jones for the plaintiff at the close of which Judge J Q Van Swearingen granted the motion for the non suit

Upon petition filed with Judge J Q Van Swearingen yesterday the court appointed viewers to pass upon the damages sustained by John McClelland Collins and John B Wilson when the Indian Creek Valley Railroad Company took small portions of their properties in Springfield township The viewers in both cases are Franklin Rush Michael Rafter John Harbaugh Harry H Rodamer Thomas C Butler Tillen Kern and Adam A Wiltrout The viewers will meet on the premises February 26 at 2 o clock P M

District Attorney Davis W Henderson filed demurrers yesterday to the answers filed by two of the Masontown Councilmen against whom ouster proceedings had been brought by citizens of the borough The District Attorney alleges that the answers are not sufficient in law The cases are those against D O Lardin and M H Cloud

In the case of Jennie Smiley Smith against E Nemon the auditor R M Carroll filed his report yesterday. He awards the plaintiff $111 35 with interest from February 1 last with the provision that this is to be used to defray interest due on a mortgage held by the defendant and the remainder if there is any to be devoted towards the principal The defendant is ordered to pay the costs of a judgment entered against the plaintiff and Fred G Smith and to satisfy the judgment to pay costs of the present proceeding

Attorneys Carr and Carr filed a praecipe in an assumpsit action of Matthew Hnast against the First Catholic Slovak Union

SURGEON FINDS NEEDLE IN COW

Bovine Owned by Somerset County Man Had Peculiar Affliction—Darning Needle in Leg

Last summer Isaac Mangus of Somerset county noticed that on the return of a large red cow from the pasture field a lump appeared each evening behind her right leg Each morning when the cow was driven to the pasture she was apparently all right. Recently the lump appeared again and Mr Mangus secured the services of a veterinary surgeon, who performed an operation with the result that a large darning needle with the eye broken off was found The owner of the animal is at a loss to account for the presence of the needle in the body of the cow

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WILL FIGHT WON BY PLAINTIFF.

Jury Sides With Mrs. Thompson in Every Point Over Morton Estate.

THE CODICIL IS SET ASIDE

Methodist Church is Heaviest Loser by Result in Uniontown, While Mrs. Thompson Will Get Connellsville Property Valued at $15,000.

This Will Now Stands.

The will of July 20, 1906, gives to Mrs. Jennie L. Thompson the property on Pittsburg street, Connellsville, whereon stands the residence of Dr. J. D. Jackson and the office of the Adams Express Company, fronting 40 feet on Pittsburg street and extending back 90 feet.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church of Connellsville is given $3,000 and $500 is given to the Foreign Missionary Society, the balance of the estate to go to Alexander B. Morton, his lifetime, then to Ralph S. Morton, providing the latter, at the age of 30 is, in the opinion of the executor, capable of managing said estate. If he should die before Alexander B. Morton, leaving lawful issue, A. B. Morton is directed to make provision for said heirs. In case he should die without issue and before Alexander B. Morton, then, at latter's death, property passes to Methodist Episcopal Church.

If, in judgment of executor and Orphans' Court of Fayette, Ralph Morton shall never be qualified to care for estate properly and shall have no lawful issue, then executor is directed to hold estate during lifetime of Ralph Morton, providing for him, and at his death pass property to church.

This will names William A. Bishop executor, and is witnessed by Mrs. W. H. McLaughlin and Mrs. Amanda Ringer.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 8.—A sweeping victory for Mrs. Jennie L. Thompson in her contest for a portion of the estate of the late Mrs. Amanda Morton was registered in the verdict returned Saturday night by the jury which heard the testimony in the case last week. The jury found for Mrs. Thompson on every question certified by the Orphans' Court for trial. If this verdict is sustained it will operate to the benefit of Mrs. Thompson to the extent of conveying to her about $15,000 of Connellsville real estate and will make W. A. Bishop the executor instead of A. B. Morton, the testatrix's husband.

There were four questions submitted for the determination of a jury. These were: Whether any undue influence had been exercised upon Mrs. Morton to secure the signing of the codicil of October 8, 1906, by her husband or anybody else; whether Mrs. Morton had testamentary capacity at the time the codicil of October 8, 1906 was signed; whether undue influence was exercised upon Mrs. Morton to secure the signing of the Thompson will of July 20, 1906, and whether Mrs. Morton had testamentary capacity at the time this will was written.

To the first two questions the jury found that undue influence had been used and that Mrs. Morton lacked testamentary capacity; while the will bequeathing Mrs. Thompson the property mentioned was sustained by finding that at the time the will was signed the testatrix was possessed of testamentary capacity and was not unduly influenced.

The verdict was taken by Judge R. E. Umbel about 8.15 o'clock Saturday night, after the jury had been out since 4 o'clock in the afternoon. When the jury retired Judge Umbel declared that he would receive a verdict if an agreement was had before midnight Saturday.

There is every possibility that the case will be fought through the higher courts for a final determination. It is said that motion and reasons for a new trial will be filed tomorrow by Attorneys R. P. Kennedy, Edward Campbel and L. A. Howard with Judge Umbel. The legal formality necessary for a final decision by the higher courts will probably delay the winding up of the estate for an indefinite period.

STATE TROOPER IS SLASHED BY RAZOR

Foreigner Resists Effort of Laslane to Arrest Him and Melee Ensues. Uniform Saves Him.

MASONTOWN, Feb. 8.—Walter Laslane, a member of the detachment of Troop A, State Police, located here, received a cut four inches long in the left side of the small of the back about 7 o'clock last evening when he attempted to arrest the principals in a free for all fight. The wound was inflicted with a razor and without doubt the trooper's heavy winter uniform and under clothing were all that saved him from serious injury. As it was the cut penetrated more than an eighth of an inch and is very painful.

John Kafano, alleged to have been the man who wielded the nasty weapon, was arrested by Laslane, who made an information against the Italian, before Squire C. H. Howard, charging carrying concealed weapons. Kafano was held to answer at court and was taken to the county jail.

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MT. PLEASANT MAN DEAD AT MARKLETON

End of B. F. Gibbs Was Unexpected as He Had Been in Apparent Good Health.

MT. PLEASANT, Feb. 8.—B. F. Gibbs, aged 40, a widely known resident and a prominent funeral director of Mt. Pleasant, died suddenly at an early hour this morning at the Markleton sanitarium. Mr. Gibbs was a member of the firm of Gibbs & King until about two weeks ago when he disposed of his interest with the intention of going into business for himself. He had been in good health and the announcement of his death came as a great shock to his relatives and wide circle of friends.

Several days ago Mr. Gibbs went to Markleton to recuperate and his friends did not know of his illness. Before leaving Mt. Pleasant he seemed to be enjoying his usual good health. Up until noon today relatives had not learned the cause of his death. Mr. Gibbs never married and for a number of years has made his home with his sister, Mrs M. A. King. He was a prominent lodgeman, having belonged to many orders.

He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant lodge of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, both branches of the Royal Arcanum and of the Red Men. His parents died a number of years ago. The body will be brought to Mt. Pleasant for interment. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

BIG CIVIC LEAGUE HAS BEEN FORMED.

B. P. Wallace of Connellsville Is President of New Organization.

YOUGH REGION IS INCLUDED.

Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania Launch Scheme Which Will Result In Organization of All the Civic Bodies.

The Civic League of the Chambers of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania was organized at McKeesport last week and B. P. Wallace of Connellsville is its first President. The new organization includes the Chambers of Commerce adn Boards of Trade of Connellsville, McKeesport, Duquesne, Wilmerding, Braddock, East Pittsburg, West Newton and Sutterville. The intention is to have it expand until all the organizations of this kind in Western Pennsylvania are included.

The officers elected were: President, B. P. Wallace of Connellsville; Secretary, J. C. Davenney, McKeesport; Treasurer, J. N. Morgan, Duquesne.

The object of the organization is to combine the strength of all the bodies in civic matters. The improvement of the Youghiogheny will likely be taken up by the body at some future time.

Before the organization of the Civic League President Wallace addressed the McKeesport Chamber of Commerce, where the meeting was held, and reviewed the history of Yough improvement from the beginning up to the present time. Mayor Coleman of McKeesport also spoke.

SOMERSET FIREMEN AT ANNUAL BANQUET

They Gather 'Round the Festive Board, Eat and Hear Words of Good Cheer.

SOMERSET, Feb. 9.—Friday evening the annual banquet of the Somerset Fire Department was held in the Hotel Vannear and about eighty members of the fire department and a number of invited guests. An elaborate dinner was served and at the conclusion Frank M. Forney, the toastmaster for the evening, arose and introduced a number of speakers, among whom were Judge Francis J. Kooser, Milton J. Pritts, Esq., Elmer E. Pritts, Howard Boose, Ross R. Scott, Esq., and several others.

The principal event of the evening was the presentation of lockets to the retiring officers of the fire department. The recipients of these neat rewards for faithful services rendered were Norman E. Berkey, who was President of the department in 1908; Irvin Saylor, Chief Marshal, and Ross Davis and George Knee, Marshals. The lockets are made of gold and are neatly engraved with the name of the recipient and the office which he filled.

Charged With Passing Counterfeits.

Simon Pavlich, a Hungarian living at Republic, is under arrest charged by Kruse & Duyarva, New Salem bankers, with having exchanged $108 worth of Hungarian money which is alleged to be counterfeit. Pavlich claims he recently received the money from a man at McKees Rocks. The Hungarian Consul at Pittsburg is investigating the matter to determine whether the bills are counterfeit. Pavlich and his wife told conflicting stories about the bills.

PLEASURE PARK UP INDIAN CREEK.

C. F. Hood's Road Will Build Mammoth Summer Resort Near Big Reservoir.

HAVE BOUGHT 63 ACRE TRACT

Killarney Park Is Name Given Because of So Many Lakes Which Will Be One of Its Best Features. There Will Be a Hotel.

A mammoth pleasure park in the heart of the Indian Creek valley, a natural beauty spot, will be opened during the coming season by the Indian Creek Valley railroad and already a large force of men is at work clearing off the 63 acres of land which were purchased some weeks ago from Frank Livingstone. The park will be given the name of Killarney, because of the numerous lakes which will form one of its most important features.

For winter and summer the park is being arranged and President Charles F. Hood is satisfied that Killarney Park will prove the most popular resort ever opened in Western Pennsylvania.

The site which has been selected is ideal for the purpose. Situated between two hills, along picturesque Mill Run, natural conditions afford an excellent opportunity for the landscape architect who will turn this tract into an attractive park. There will be one lake covering an area of five acres and a second one somewhat smaller. There will also be a pool 600 feet long. All of these will be navigable by row boats but not deep enough for anyone to drown. The park is four miles above Indian Creek station and at the junction of the Mill Run branch of the Indian Creek Valley road. It is less than a mile above the big reservoir of the Mountain Water Supply Company, which is one of the big drawing cards of this picturesque region.

For the present season a two-story hotel, with a 20x45 foot dining room and a dozen sleeping apartments for guests will be erected. There will be a dancing pavilion, too, with a floor space of 40x60 feet, one of the largest and best in this section. Shady lanes and babbling brooks, with artesian wells for drinking water will be included. George Blackstone of Connellsville has been awarded the contract for the wells and will start work this week. In addition to the two big lakes and the long pool there will be between 12 and 15 smaller lakes or lagoons, which will add to the attractiveness of the park. These lagoons will be natural, as the land is susceptible to easy development. There will be a ball ground, tennis court and other teatimes.

For winter visitors there will be ice skating, a toboggan slide and other pastimes of similar nature. It is expected that many summer cottages will be erected in the neighborhood and efforts will be made to make that section the most popular vacation spot in the region. Already a number of cottages have been contracted for, some near Killarney Park and others nearer Roger's Mills, the present terminal of the line.

Not only is the park a beautiful one, but the scenic trip up the picturesque valley is one well worth the time spent on the trip. The road winds up the steep valley, following Indian Creek all the way. Wild, mountainous hills with lovely foliage in summer and snow clad peaks in winter, to the stranger the trip is one ceaseless revelation of the beauties of nature. And the beauty grows upon one after subsequent trips.

The park will be opened during the coming spring. Efforts are being made to have excursion trains run over the Baltimore & Ohio from Pittsburg, direct to the park. Whether this arrangement is effected will have no bearing on the present plans as the park will be built in any event.

It was reported some weeks ago that the Masons had purchased the Livingstone tract for a summer resort, but this was incorrect. The deal was made by the railroad some weeks ago but was not made public until today.

TRAUGER HAS MEASLES; SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Eighty Cases Have Been Reported to Health Officer to Date and No Relief in Sight.

MT. PLEASANT, Feb. 9.—The little town of Trauger, near here, is stricken with what appears to be an epidemic of measles. There are 80 cases among the children of that community, all of which have been reported to the State Health officer located at Mt. Pleasant. Others cases are expected to develop.

Owing to the prevalence of the malady it has been necessary to close the public schools there.

Fever Closes School.

The public school at Gans has been closed because of a threatened epidemic of scarlet fever. A little Slavish girl took the disease and died before medical attendance could be secured for her. Other schools in the vicinity will likely have to close, as there are a number of cases in the district.

TRIED TO BREAK IN ON WOMAN; IS SHOT

James Donahue Received a Bullet Wound In Side at Lynn Works Yesterday.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 6.—Put to rout by a revolver in the hands of Mrs. Anna Davis, residing at Lynn works, James Donahue is now suffering from a severe wound in the left side and, with James Kearns, now rests in the Brownsville jail. Together with three negroes, these men tried to effect an entrance at Mrs. Davis' yesterday, but after warning her visitors to leave, the woman fired a revolver in the direction of the men, the bullet taking effect on Donahue.

The negroes immediately took to flight but Kearns stood by his wounded companion. The Brownsville police, in response to a telephone call, arrested the two men. Donahue was later brought to Uniontown to answer the charge of entering with intent to commit a felony. Both Donahue and Kearns who are well known in Brownsville, are employed at the Lynn works.

Scottdale Patient Escapes.

Patrick Lennon, aged 17, of Scottdale, a patient at St. Francis' Hospital, Pittsburg, escaped from that institution at 6 o'clock Sunday morning by jumping from a window. He had been at the hospital about two weeks taking treatment for nervous trouble. He has not been apprehended.

PALLBEARER JOINS FRIEND IN DEATH

Somerset County Man Dies a Few Hours Before Chum's Funeral.

GRIEF HASTENED HIS END

Ephriam Coleman, a Veteran Police Officer of the Northside, Pittsburg, Passes Away Suddenly Before He Could Help to Bury His Comrade.

Ephriam Coleman, an Allegheny policeman for many years, and a native of Somerset county, died on the Northside, Pittsburg Monday, a few hours before the funeral of his most intimate friend and chum, one of whose pallbearers he was to have been. Grief helped to hasten Coleman's end.

Coleman was to have been a pallbearer yesterday afternoon at the funeral of Nicholas Kelsch, who for 22 years was connected with the police department of the Northside. Kelsch was 74 years old and Coleman 65, and both were noted for their bravery.

Only a short time before the hour for the funeral of Officer Kelsch, word reached the department that Officer Coleman also had died very suddenly. Although his death was unexpected, his health had not been good for some time. He had grieved much over the death of his friend, "Nick" Kelsch, with whom he had worked for many years.

Coleman first served the Northside as a "watchman," going the "rounds" with a lantern and ever and anon shouting "All's well!" He also used a wheelbarrow in taking many prisoners to the "lockup." When a call was issued for volunteers for service in the Civil War, however, Coleman was among the first to respond, enlisting for three years. At Antietam he was wounded three times, and ever afterward carried a bullet in one of his legs. After the war he was reappointed a policeman on the Northside and he had been in the service practically ever since. A wife and five children survive him.

Mr. Coleman was well known in Meyersdale and Somerset county and was an uncle of Edgar Coleman of Greenwood. He was also an uncle of Misses Georgia and Ella Coleman, and a brother-in-law of Mrs. A. J. Coleman of Uniontown.

GIRL VICTIM OF BRUTAL ASSAULT

Flora Ellsworth, Aged 22, Attacked on Road Near Shamrock Last Night.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 9.—Flora Ellsworth, aged 22, was attacked by an unkown assailant last night on the road to Shamrock. When found some time later she was unconscious and suffering from two bullet wounds, one in the thigh and the other in the elbow.

The attack was made about 150 feet from the Shamrock mine, where the girl was employed as a domestic in the home of Mine Foreman Joshua Shafer. The girl knows nothing of the affair save that she was struck on the back of the head, the blow rendering her unconscious.

The county authorities are working on the case and the girl's condition is serious. While the bullet wounds are not serious, the shock and blow had a bad effect.

An ad in The Weekly Courier may sell your coal land or property.

COUPLE HAS TROUBLE GETTING KNOT TIED

There Was Trouble Over Marriage License But Wedding Takes Place at Midnight.

A midnight wedding at the Salvation Army citadel was solemnized under unusual circumstances Friday night when Miss Florence May of Meyersdale became the bride of Fred McNamara, son of John McNamara, the veteran janitor of the High School building. The couple had arranged to get married early in the evening but unexpected complications developed. The bride being under age, a letter from her parents would not be accepted in the Register and Recorder's office and this entailed a hurried trip to Meyersdale for one of the parents.

It was 11.30 at night when the license was finally secured and the couple repaired to the citadel to be made man and wife. At the request of Captain Pope, who assisted in the ceremony, Rev. C. M. Watson of the Christian Church tied the nuptial knot. The ceremony was performed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Mansberry, adjoining the citadel before a large number of friends of the couple. A wedding breakfast was served, although it was intended for a supper.

Throat Troubles Weaken the Syetem.

A serious illness is often brought on by a neglected sore throat.

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A gargle made with twelve drops of Sloan's Liniment in half a glass of water will break up a sore throat.

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Mr. Albert W. Price of Fredonia, Kans., writes:—"We have used Sloan's Liniment in the family for about a year, and find it an excellent relief for colds and hay fever attacks. Two drops of the Liniment in a teaspoonful of water will stop coughing and sneezing instantly."

Mr. L. T. Hurst of Coatesville, Ind., R. R. No. 1, writes:—"I find your Liniment the best remedy I have ever tried for sore throat, either for horse or man. I once cured a case of sore throat on myself the second day and almost the first night, which had continued for over three weeks, under constant treatment of three physicians (I was traveling) and it was getting worse."

Took Time by the Forelock.

General James A. Beaver will be the Memorial Day orator at Tyrone. The members of the Grand Army post in that place secured him a year in advance of the time, thus making sure of his services.

Is Held For Court.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 8.—Justice Daniel Bierer on Saturday held Henry Jackson, accused of selling cocaine, for trial at the March term of court.

NORMALVILLE.

NORMALVILLE, Feb. 2.—Mrs. College is visiting Greensburg friends.

The protracted meeting commences next Sunday evening instead of last Sunday as previously stated.

Mr. Cunningham representing the Cumberland Dry Goods Company, was here Monday night.

Ray Shultz and bride have gone to housekeeping in one of S. M. Showman's houses.

James Johnson has purchased the old Jerry Johnson property from John Channing containing 14 acres for $700. The timber had already been sold.

David Shunk of Snydertown was here Monday.

Mrs. John King is suffering with a healed jaw.

A happy sleighing party from Pleasant Hill visited the village Monday evening.

Thomas H. Gallentine of Scottdale will move to the James M. Gallentine farm just east of this place in the early spring. Mr. Gallentine has purchased the farm and will make many needed improvements.

NORMALVILLE, Feb. 6.—Isaac Prinkey was transacting business in Mt. Pleasant today.

Rev. Sylvester Fulton of the Clinton district, was attending to business matters here Thursday.

Freed Kooser and sister Sadie of Wellsville, O., are visiting their uncle, John Pritts east of this place.

George Kern made a business trip to Scottdale Thursday.

The teacher of the Fairview school, Miss Dollie Elcher gave her pupils a spelling bee last night.

Rev. John W. Gallentine has advertised his personal property for sale Saturday, February 13. He will make his future home with his daughter, Mrs. Jones of Sutersville.

Messrs. Morse and Dickey of New Centerville, Somerset county, and Mr. Sherrard of Vanderbilt were here with a bunch of fine cattle which Mr. Sherrard took home.

George Brookman and Mr. Mauhemer of Connellsville were here Thursday and purchased three fine fresh cows.

Miss May Fullem of Connellsville visited at the home of her brother, Hayes Fullem of Dunbar street last Wednesday.

Rev. College is circulating a petition favorable to the local option as proposed by Representative Fair of Westmoreland.

Grandmother Bungard, Mrs. Walter Brooks, Mrs. Mary Bungard and Peter M. Bungard were called to Scottdale Thursday afternoon by the serious illness of Mrs. Bert Husson, daughter and sister of the above named.

The young people held a very pleasant social at the home of John Pritts Friday evening.

The scholars of the village school are conducting a very interesting literary society every Friday afternoon. Rev. College made a very able address to the society yesterday.

Mrs. Amelia Brooks is confined to her home with a severe attack of the grip.

Mrs. Frank Bigam and family of Mill Run are visiting at the home of her parents this week.

Samuel P. Miller and family of Mifflintown visited at the home of John W. Miner Thursday.

FAYETTE COURT RECORDS.

Deeds Recorded, Marriage Licenses and County Expenditures.

Sarah J. Hayden and husband to O. P. Markle and others for lot in Lemon street, Uniontown, $1,400, January 30, 1909.

Dora E. Maust to H. C. Frick Coke Company for one-half acre of coal in North Union township, $475; December 21, 1908.

Thomas W. Wakefield and wife to William Arthur for lot in South Union township, $1,500; January 20, 1909.

Samuel C. Johnson and others to George G. Gans for lot in Fayette street, Fourth ward, Uniontown, $19,000; December 21, 1908.

Carnegie Land Company to A. B. Brownfield for lot in Fairchance, $450; September 11, 1905.

Harry E. Smith and others to A. A. Calhoun for lot in Upper Tyrone township, $1,200; August 1, 1908.

Fayette County Expenditures.

J. H. Pinkey, Treasurer, School Directors of Fayette county, $100.

Adam Fletcher, burial of Henry Fletcher, old soldier, $50.

James Linderman, Franklin township assessor, $127.51.

A. B. Hutchinson, Treasurer, winter primary, $1,304.21.

Ralph Ross, game protector, $40.

Fannie S. Miller, court reporting, $90.05.

C. W. King and S. H. Baum, jail, $10.42.

M. A. Guthrie and B. L. Rush, cement hauling, $14.20.

A. B. Hutchinson, Treasurer, court criers and tipstaves, $123.50.

Same primary expenses, $65.80.

L. M. Truxal, supplies for prothonotary, $11.25.

A. B. Hutchinson, Treasurer, freight, $0.30.

Same, sundries, $15.05.

Same, Constables' costs, $164.98.

Same, witnesses' costs, $85.76.

Same, Justices' costs, $65.97.

Same, janitors, etc., $64.

Same, courthouse, $17.50.

Same, justices' costs, $8.10.

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Administrator's Notice.

ESTATE OF MARTINO ROCCO, Deceased. Letters of Administration on the Estate of Martino Rocco, late of Perry Township, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement. Dr. H. J. BELL, Administrator, Dawson, Pa. 28jan6t

Executor Notice.

ESTATE OF GEORGE RUSS DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested in the estate of George Russ, late of Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, that on Monday, the 1st day of March, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M., the Orphans' Court of said Fayette County, will inquire and determine whether or not there has been an escheat in said case, and if so, in what manner and for what cause said escheat has occurred, and also what estate, real or personal, has escheated and what is the value thereof.

CHARLES O. SCHROYER,
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FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT SCOTTDALE.

Peterson Business College Hall Crowded by Interested Folks.

WHY BOYS LEAVE THE FARM

One Speaker In Snappy Talk Said That As In All Previous Crises, a Man Will Rise to Solve the Serious Problem.

SCOTTDALE Feb 6—On account of the great attendance at the Farmers' Institute yesterday the lecturers practically had to take off their overshoes to get enough room to stand in and give their talks The Institute started off in the best style of any such gathering that the farmers have held so far under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture and men women and children were interested auditors to various talks It was not all a crowd of farming people either for there were many people that are town dwellers who harked back to the country days or indulged in dreams of a sometime future breaking away from town and a life in the country The Peterson Business College kindly lent its large class room for the Institute and this was the biggest hall that could be secured in town The committee made an effort to secure some of the churches but could not do this although there are those that argue that meetings such as these contribute to the moral uplift of the community and not one of their least aims is to keep the boy on the farm and save that tragic epitaph of so many country girls she went to the city

The Peterson College people also secured charts put out a tasteful and complete program and personally gave every aid to the entertainment of the crowd George B Shupe was to deliver the address of welcome but Mr Shupe has been ill for a couple of days and was unable to be present. Rev Edward C Kunkle pastor of the First Baptist Church made a stirring and hospitable address of welcome, and Rev H W Miller pastor of the United Presbyterian Church offered the invocation that opened the Institute The music was by the Hough Orchestra and the Warhem Quartette and these were both recipients of unstinted applause

The afternoon program was given over to the discussion of The Home Mixing of Fertilizer which Mr Schwarz a State lecturer from Anamahonk Monroe county gave the farmers many points on the use of fertilizer and ones that should save money and secure greater results than a shot gun application of fertilizer The American Hen and the American Farmer was eulogized by B Monroe Posten of Shakeyville Mercer county and he certainly showed up the low browed fowl in its best high and proved that taking good care of the American hen will rebound to the profit and pleasure of the farmer Mr Posten is a preacher and a judge of fine poultry having judged over 40 000 fowls and thus speaks by the book The hens would have felt their importance had they heard him About here there are a lot of poultry sharps who live poultry read poultry think poultry raise poultry and get prizes for it not to speak of having fed eggs to eat and what might be called pin feather money from poultry so all talk of the hen fell upon attentive ears J H Peacher of Bellsville Mifflin county told of the ins and out of raising clover one of his bits of advice in buying to have the seedman furnish a guarantee to have a germination test made by the State College and a report on any weed seed found with the clover being worth an afternoon to any farmer who may not have thought of that way of finding out the probable fertility and cleanness of the seeds he buys

The evening session was started out by a talk on Alfalfa by the same speaker He characterized this as the most wonderful crop to be grown It is one of 15 per cent greater feed value than red clover the best of fodder he said and then told of the marvelous results that it showed as affect the A B C of a balanced ration being Alfalfa bran and corn The greatest enemy of its growth is acidity of the soil to be cured by application of lime The soil before planting should be tested with blue litmus paper and if the paper turns suddenly red lime is called for in tons to the acre and worth $[illegible] per ton was what he said alfalfa was for on a conservative estimate He had found that it was often looked upon as a discouraging crop but not more so than clover and planted in August with a dry season upon a well prepared seed bed with water table three or four feet under the surface the results he said would repay any farmer No new wonder either having been grown for centuries in the country under the name of lucerne The full story of alfalfa could be found in the bulletin issued by the State College Experiment Station or Pennsylvania by the United States Department of Agriculture and all the bulletins treating

Every farmer should come in touch with the literature he can which the government and state will be sent free upon the request and much will be of great deal to all farmers and to be had for the mere asking

B Monroe Posten then took up the subject of When Will the Prodigal Return or When Can the Farmer Kill the Fatted Calf a witty and thoughtful talk that should give heart to any farmer boy who heard it and which was listened to with vast interest It was illuminate by many stories that brought a laugh and pointed a moral He struck out straight from the shoulder that the farm boy must be given the feeling that the farm is the place for him for example giving him a certain responsibility a responsibility of caring for the chickens for the cows for the horses or for some other feature of the farm line from which he could expect a personal profit and where he would be encouraged to take his own initiative in caring for them If he read an agricultural bulletin on balanced rations he should have a chance to try the experiment without being ridiculed or made fun of It is a safe thing to try for the Experiment Stations try these matters scientifically and don't send out impossibilities or failures There are two unpardonable sins in this world—success and failure The fellow that succeeds reproaches he fellow who fails and the fellow who fails condemns the fellow who succeeds Public opinion of the farmers of south false but the greatest trouble is that everyone has a scheme of his own and if he can't make that scheme go he will not help any other and so the whole fabric is unorganized while the world depends for its food and drink on the farmer Eighty per cent of the pauper labor of Boston said he and statistics prove the same of other great cities was raised in the city itself One fellow is given a talent in a clean napkin and by night fall he has traded the talent for a gold brick and lost the napkin Another fellow gets nothing but a clean napkin and by nightfall has started a dry goods store with that napkin and traded the napkin for a talent He pleaded with the boys on the farm not to let their talents and their napkin both be taken thing that consumes help reduces no The speaker gave as his opinion that is the United States has always had a man for the time of need the man will rise who will feed the farmer and solve the question of why boys and girls leave the farm and infuse a new principle into the life of the farmer

The Institute convened again at o'clock this morning with music by Houghs orchestra when R F Schwartz spoke on The Value of a Pedigree Breeding and Feeding of Pigs by J H Peacher and Reason why the lure of the city In his own county said he the boys are getting away from the farms and he counted 65 farms in that county that had been bought by Pittsburg men The farm offers something when everything fails and the hard headed business men know this The government is doing everything in its power from President Roosevelt down to encourage the farm life because while the independence of the farmer was not so the way to say it the dependence of everyone on the farmer is the thing that is true and the country faces a serious problem for as living if the farmer joins the city Growing Worn Out Soils Without Manures or Success With Vetches by Mr Schwarz Question boxes are a feature of each session

The afternoon program was as follows Poultry Building and How To Feed by Mr Posten and a discussion of Market Gardening by Mr Schwarz

The closing session will be this evening with music by Warheit's Orchestra The Farmer's Problem of Educating His Children by Mr Schwarz a solo by Elmer Morrow and the address Good Bye Take Care of the Farm by Mr Peacher

The local committee is composed of Justice J Lemuel Loucks Chairman Edward Weihman Arthur J Porter S P Sutor A R Walter A R Loucks William Stoner L L Hourigan and W C Meyers Hon M P Shumaker member of the State Agricultural Society from Westmoreland county has charge of the institutes in this county

MEDICOS MET WITH DR. BELL AT DAWSON

There Was a Good Attendance and the Host Read An Interesting Paper Before the Feast

A good meeting of the Yough Medico Social Club was held Thursday at the home of Dr H F Bell at Dawson It was well attended all members being present with the exception of those who were out of town or kept away on account of sickness Dr H C Hoffman of Connellsville Dr Herbert Hall of Vanderbilt and Dr J L Cochran of Star Junction were the guest of the club

Dr Bell read an excellent paper on Intermitted Convulsions The paper was original and made a good impression upon the doctors A general discussion followed

At the conclusion of the business meeting the guests assembled in the dining room where an exceptionally well appointed chicken waffle supper was served The decorations were in keeping with Washington's birthday The place cards were miniature hatchets while hatchets of cherries were given as favors A fine bouquet of red carnations formed the attractive centerpiece The next meeting will be held on the first Thursday evening in March

Trapper Boy Killed

Andrew Oswalt the seven old son of Joseph Oswalt of Pleasant Valley mines near Greensburg was killed in falling from a moving trap

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THE PAST.

By T Kolb Dearmon

'Tis the past that gives
The fairest and fairest light
In which the future lives

There is a lovely light in the glorious
We cast over life's month's chasing
We see the days we have had felt
But never can be old again

We see the schools dream land days
Its pleasant days the happy hours
Smart with the lessons of long ago
When life's innocent bliss was ours

We see youths ideal scenes
Pass quickly by alas too soon
And we are cast out of the paradise
Days had swung into gloom

But tonight after reading what William Kirk has written in the Quiet Observer column of the Gazette Times the writer finds himself away back years ago in the old log house where he first saw the peep of day There's the wood pile at the end of the house where the backlogs were sledded to the day of the wood chopping enough to last from winter's approach until the swallows and blue birds returned with the Spring sunshine

There stands onight in memory travels the backward circuit the old dogwood handspikes made of well seasoned wood that lasted the winter through to level the great backlogs into place Then came the forestick resting on the old dog irons and the smaller sticks for filling in And then what a fire Have you ever been there? If so shut your eyes with the writer and listen to the crackling of the sparks as they strip and fly and disappear up the old fashioned chimney that stood against the end of the house for there was not room for it inside Your modern gas fires of today dwindle into insignificance in comparison How cheerful the old room looks and how cool the mercury in windows No ceiling only the joist over head strung with apples pared and quartered and swung from nail to nail on strings today It was none of your little peep holes quarters but a room large enough for kitchen dining and sitting room combined That old fashioned wood fire makes the writer happy if only for a moment as it casts light up the big room and the shadows fall upon the hearth

Who that has not been there can tell the joys of those good old times when after the work was done inside the lessons learned the big skillet with its long handle and three feet was placed on top of red hot coals filled with shelled corn to be popped Did you ever eat any of that parched corn buttered and salted to the taste? If no you have missed a little much of a happy life

I have pictured a little and I could times I should like and I more But then the here and there pictured in Then that where I lived [illegible] would [illegible]

At [illegible] by the [illegible] and with the [illegible] The [illegible] fashioned [illegible] way
The purple lilacs high
And honeysuckles would drop their sweets
On every passer

If you can go back with the writer you can recollect one of the important duties that had to be performed once a week It was that pitch greasing your boots or shoes as the case might be It was home made tallow making in those days for store shoes were a luxury among the country girls and boys Lewis Waggoner was the shoemaker for the one section of the country and Hiram Christ for another One pair of home made shoes lasted from Fall until Spring to work school and go to meeting shoes and they had to be greased a little care for to make them last How the writer would squirm when it came his turn to get out the old tin filled with tallow heat it under the forestick and do the annoying shoe greasing

Those were the days of apple butter boilings corn huskings and old fashioned spelling schools When you would get out the old lady maple and no other you best girl—for every country boy was in love with a neighbor girl and she had to ride behind him on the old hay mare to spelling school Reader you needn't laugh for if you are not honest enough to admit the fact you must have been a chump to say the least

These were before the days when the enterprising Kuhns of Pittsburg conceived the idea and had it readily put into execution of building the West Penn Railway through Fayette Westmoreland and adjoining counties until their mileage counts into hundreds and here towns and lighting company furnishes light to more than 40 towns in Western Pennsylvania

Now it don't matter where you want to go you can hop on a West Penn trolley car with your best girl and forget all about the old hay mare and the tight shoe ride behind on to spelling school at Dunbar's school house where the writer graduated a goodly number of years ago

Notwithstanding the pollution of industrial depression through which the country has passed the West Penn interests have steadily been extending its ancient through high farming section to Uniontown connecting the Connellsville towns of Fayette and Westmoreland counties In other words it is on the fast track to greatness in spite of the financial depression the loan cases of adversity have been sent to the limbo of the past the first car was sent over the rails for public business

To those having the management of the several departments assisted by the trusty daily force who go out and in carrying their dinner pails belongs the credit for the enviable record of the West Penn

From the outset of the service the patronage has been gratifying and its constant growth is a vindication of the men who associated themselves in construction of this enterprise The last car has gone and I want you to go and with me tonight to the little stone church on the hill on the road leading from the head waters of Washington Run to the old mill at Smithfield on the Redstone It is Bell view and Rev Henry Lewis is holding a big meeting Can you shut your eyes and listen to Jacob Wolf Wallace Dunn and Billy Bird men singing that grand old hymn

When I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies
I'll bid farewell to every fear
And wipe my weeping eyes

And the Amen corner filled with such good old Deacons as Uncle John and William Burton John S Marsh and others would join in loud Hosannas and heartfelt amens that it keeps the wanderer out on life's sea from drifting too far from shore and acts as the beacon light to the lonely mariner

The writer finds the old church as he passed it recently showing the ravages of age and wearing a garment of neglect It there is any temple on earth dedicated to the worship of the God of our fathers that should be kept sacred it is Old Bethlehem if for nothing more than the hallowed association that cling to its memories as the ivy does to its weather beaten walls

Many of the boys out in the world tonight as he writer must look down the pages of the past to the early lessons and Sunday School training in the Bethlehem Sunday School

PHILIPPINE VETS HOLD BEAN BAKE.

They Celebrate Tenth Anniversary of Insurrection in State Armory

THEN GO TO LIEDERKRANZ.

Where Camp Tales Are Told And Repast Is Spread Before Hungry Guests— Best Ever Is The Verdict

The tenth anniversary of the Philippine Insurrection was celebrated by Camp Walter L Brown and a number of guests with a bean bake and camp fire Thursday The insurrection commenced promptly at 7 o'clock with a business meeting in the Armory during which time a fine portrait of the late Col Hawkins was hung in the Armory

At the conclusion of the regular routine business the members of the camp and their friends adjourned to the Liederkranz hall where the repast was served The bean bake was served slowly after 10 o'clock The committee in charge is deserving of great credit for the excellent manner in which all the details were carried out

Impromptu addresses were made by Major C W Neff of Masontown James McKenna of Ronco and other guests present The affair was one of the most enjoyable gatherings in the history of the camp It was after 1 o'clock this morning when the boys and their friends left the hall Many interesting camp stories were related during the evening by the local boys as well as the visitors The guests present were as follows

Charles H Black Scottdale [illegible] Dickerson Run [illegible] Ambrose Dickerson Run [illegible] South Connellsville [illegible] McCormick Connellsville Andew Calhoun New Haven [illegible] Crow Connellsville Harry Bishop Connellsville [illegible] Nickel New Haven Thomas Cunningham Connellsville George [illegible] Mills [illegible] A J Buttermore Connellsville Samuel S Clark Connellsville William [illegible] Connellsville E A Duis Connellsville Frank B Port Connellsville Samuel Hagan Uniontown A E Ewing Uniontown Charles W Acraft Uniontown Charlie Gallagher New Haven J A Beshline Connellsville R F Griffith Scottdale Thomas Adam Leisenring No [illegible] Findley West Leisenring P Cross Earl Connellsville [illegible] Wilson Connellsville L F Duis Connellsville A B Pollard Connellsville George [illegible] Connellsville Clark Collins [illegible] Connellsville M C Goodwin Connellsville M J Welsh Republic J C Hess Earl Connellsville Carl DeBolt Uniontown George W Neff Masontown Tom C Thompson Mt Pleasant John M Martin New Haven W L Beisolt New Haven Ave V Waters Upper Middletown G A Geddes Uniontown G B Camas Connellsville William [illegible] Lost Connellsville Richard F Cunningham Connellsville Edward A Smith Juniata ville Steve Collesprat New Haven C F Rosenecker Broad Ford Thomas D Beatty Connellsville James McKenna Ronco William Templeton Connellsville Ray I Sparks Company C New Salem L B Company C 41st U S V Connellsville

Alquippa Station Abandoned

The Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad discontinued the station at Alquippa yesterday This marks the last step in the passing of one of the old Pittsburg recreation grounds Many will regret that this pleasant little park has been closed and closed to all time but the fact that it will be used by the Jones & Laughlin Company in giving employment to many thousands is some consolation

Masontown Wakes Up

Masontown has formed Board of Trade composed of the leading business men of that town

WAYNESBURG COUNCIL TURNS DOWN FRANCHISE

Then Submit One to West Penn Which Was Not Acceptable and Hitch Ensues

The Waynesburg Town Council handed the West Penn a severe jolt at its last regular meeting and the Greene county town may find it hard to get a trolley line there Certainly the West Penn according to its offer is will not try to do business in that vicinity until a franchise is awarded

The franchise presented by Mr of the West Penn at that meeting was turned down and a new one introduced This includes provisions concerning rates to be charged and other restrictions and is limited to 40 years

We want an unlimited franchise Mr Mott told The Courier today and one that is fair You cannot interest capital in a proposition of this kind unless they can see some chance of coming out little but ahead of the game Waynesburg cannot get a trolley line if it wants to make it a losing proposition that is all

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Notice of Appeals

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RAINEY BEGINS ON ANOTHER PLANT.

Ground Broken This Week for a Second New Large Operation in Lower End.

TIDE TURNS FOR THE BETTER

The Frick Company Has Fired 700 Additional Ovens as Furnace Interests Require More Coke—Extension to Garwood Plant Being Rushed.

Many straws in the industrial world show that improvement has set in. Furnace interests are taking more coke. The principal change in this respect was the action of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in adding to its list of active ovens last week a total of 700 ovens. Full details of this will be found in the weekly coke review on page 1 of this issue.

The new Royal plant of the W. J. Rainey interests in the Lower region is being rapidly shaped up for partial operation and some of the ovens are now burning coke. In addition to the Royal plant partly completed the same concern this week broke ground for another plant which will be known as the Allison works. Allison will be located near the Monongahea river on the same tract of coal owned by W. J. Rainey from which Royal will draw its coal. The Allison plant will consist of 500 push ovens and work will be continued steadily on it from now on. T. J. Mitchell of the Rainey interests states that the Allison plant may make some coke before the close of 1909 although this will depend on circumstances to some extent. Elsewhere in the region new work is being pushed. At the Garwood plant of the Dunlap-Connellsville Coke Company 26 additional ovens are being built and are expected to be ready for operation early in the summer. This will give that plant a total of 57 ovens. The operation is located on the Monongahela railroad.

The old Florence plant of the E. A. Humphries Coke Company in the old Connellsville region has been dismantled and was abandoned this week as the coal has been worked out.

From January 6 until January 20 last month, there was a great and marked decrease in idle railroad cars throughout the United States.

The fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway Association says that on January 20 the number of idle cars on the railroad lines of the United States and Canada was 11,664 or 21,?00 cars less than on January 6. This decrease contrasts with an increase of more than 110,000 cars the previous fortnight and reflects the improvement in railroad traffic which took place in the second and third weeks of last month following a general and pretty marked slump over the holiday season. Despite the substantial improvement in the two weeks referred to however the car surplus still stands at higher figures than have been reported since the end of July when upward of 200,000 cars were stored. Of the decrease just reported 19,?01 were box cars. The decrease in idle coal cars was 1,000.

FIELD NEWS IN CONCISE FORM.

Work is proceeding rapidly on the new plant of the ... Hope Coke Company at ... station on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Two ... of push ovens ... ovens in each block ... planned. The first block of ovens is ready for the brick work. The company has opened its coal in hering a slope mine and it is expected to have the first ... ovens ready for firing about June 1. The remaining ... ovens may not be built until ... The Fayette Engineering Company has charge of the work. Electric haulage will be used.

The Baker Coal & Coke Company with headquarters at Rockwood ... made its first ... last week from a new mine in Somerset county.

The Red Ash Coal & Coke Company of ... Va., which was recently incorporated with a capital stock of $... 000 has acquired ... acres of coal lands in Tazewell county, Virginia, which it expects to lease for development, not intending to operate mines itself. The property is in the Clinch River division of the Norfolk & Western Railroad ... Doran and is said to contain deposits of coking coal.

Among the coke men who made trips to Pittsburg last week were George Whyel and O. W. Kennedy.

George G. Gans, the Uniontown operator, has again taken up his abode in his residence on Morgantown street.

Important changes of superintendents of the ... Coal Company effective January 1 were as follows: Charles E. Gaskill, mine superintendent of Shaft mine vice John J. Brennen resigned. Harry Cambridge, mine superintendent of the Montour mine vice ... Mr. Gaskill. ... superintendent of the Murray mine, succeeding Bainbridge ... superintendent of the Shaft mine ... years.

As to the past year in the New River and Kanawha coking districts in West Virginia, F. W. Parker of the United States Geological Survey ... recently: There was a decided falling off in the coke making industry particularly in the New River Kanawha districts and prices were unusually low. At the close of the year there was a growing demand for foundry grades but little was doing in the furnace coke trade. It was the opinion of operators and others familiar with the conditions that the agitation of the tariff question was affecting the industry during the latter part of the year. One hopeful sign of the times at the close of the year was the general tendency to replace old material by new rather than to repair broken parts.

The coke output during the last year of the Jamison Coke & Coal Company aggregated 40,000 tons almost entirely of foundry coke of which the company makes a specialty. Within a narrow margin this tonnage equal the tonnage of the previous year. The company also furnishes about 9,000 tons of coal a day to the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Pennsylvania, Midvale and Bethlehem Steel Companies, to which companies the Keystone Coal & Coke Company also furnishes about an equal tonnage.

The Camden Coke Company of Philadelphia has opened a New York sales office at 15 Cortlandt street.

The Wright Coke & Coal Company of Scranton, Pa., has been incorporated in Delaware with a capital of $1,000,000.

Treasurer J. C. Baird of the Marianna Relief Committee had received a total of $... 17,.91 at the close of business on February ... to be applied to the relief of widows and orphans ... indirect victims of the Marianna mine disaster. It is the aim of the committee to raise $100,000 which sum it is believed will be required to properly care for all the sufferers.

Nicholas Pratt, a driver at the Ernest mine, was killed in an unusual manner last week. He was found lying under the pit wagon with the low part of the bumper iron extending into his head an inch and had either been knocked or fallen from his seat. He died at the Adrian hospital without regaining consciousness.

The strike of miners at the Ralphton plant of the Quemahoning Coal Company is at an end, the men having returned to work. Labor agitators have been trying to stir matters up in Somerset county but with little success, the ill advised strike having been due to agitation of the sort.

Robert McCaughin, Superintendent of the ... coke plant in the Lower Region until it was closed down last week, has been promoted to be General Manager of the La Belle Iron & Steel Company which owns the coking operation and has left to assume his new duties. His successor has not yet been appointed.

Black powder is being done away with as rapidly as possible by the operators of the upper Monongahela river and in the Klondyke. Safety explosives are being introduced instead. Mine managers are responding to the general demand for more careful methods of blasting.

William Atkins of Dawson, Pa., has been appointed receiver for the mine and other properties and holdings of the Jacksonville Coal & Coke Company which has its general office at Dawson, Pa., and its operations near Jacksonville, W. Va. Mr. Atkins is secretary-treasurer and general manager of the company which has been operating for about three years. ... has a fine plant ... appointment of a receiver was made on ... the company from a number of ... creditors. It is claimed that ... perfectly solvent and unpaid claims will be taken care of within a short time.

The Wright Coal & Coke Company of Scranton ... has been incorporated under the Delaware laws. The capitalization of the company is given at $1,000,000. Interested in the company are W. A. Masters of Scranton and W. B. ... and Charles H. Kern of Philadelphia.

WEEKLY Youghiogheny nut, pea and slack are quoted in the Cincinnati market at 75 cents per ton.

Mine Inspector H. O. Prytch of Scranton estimates that anthracite coal will be mineable in Pennsylvania for 87 years, basing his estimate on ... for many years and the present rate of consumption.

The Mary blast furnace at Lowellville, O., has been banked for a general overhauling.

Furnace No. 1 of the Andrews & Hitchcock Company of Youngstown, O., is to be rebuilt. The casting house and four stoves will be renewed. The furnace will remain ... for some time until the weather permits the making of improvements.

Furnace C of the Buffalo Susquehanna Iron Company is going out of blast.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has installed one of the largest single parts of machinery ever constructed by a railroad corporation. It is a 1,?00 ton press erected at the steel car plant at Altoona and will be used for pressing heavy sheets used in steel car construction.

Major Bentley H. Smith, aged 78 years, is dead at Reading, Pa. He was connected with the Temple Iron Works and formerly was associated with his father in operating the Joanna furnace. He was a graduate of Amherst College and a soldier during the Civil war.

The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway has ordered ...00 steel cars from the Standard Steel Car Company. The cars are to be used for coke and coal traffic which promises to expand under the road's new management. The order is for immediate delivery and is to be followed by additional orders.

FOUR ENTRY SYSTEM USED AT OSBORNE

New Mine of Westmoreland Coal Company Will Tap a Seam Nearly Eight and a Half Feet Thick

The new mine at Osborne in the Sewickley valley in the vicinity of West Newton is being constructed according to the generally commended four entry system in use at Ellsworth, Washington county, and elsewhere. The section of the Pittsburg seam to be developed at Osborne is of unusual thickness, nearly eight and one-half feet, a depth of coal at least one-half greater than in the river section of the field in that vicinity. C. E. Neff of West Newton has been given the contract for the erection of a modern tipple and a large number of houses.

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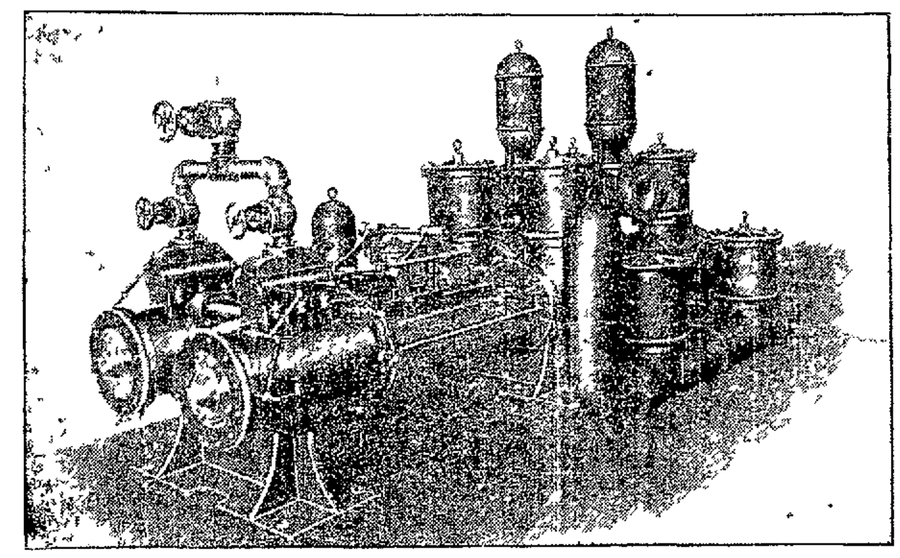

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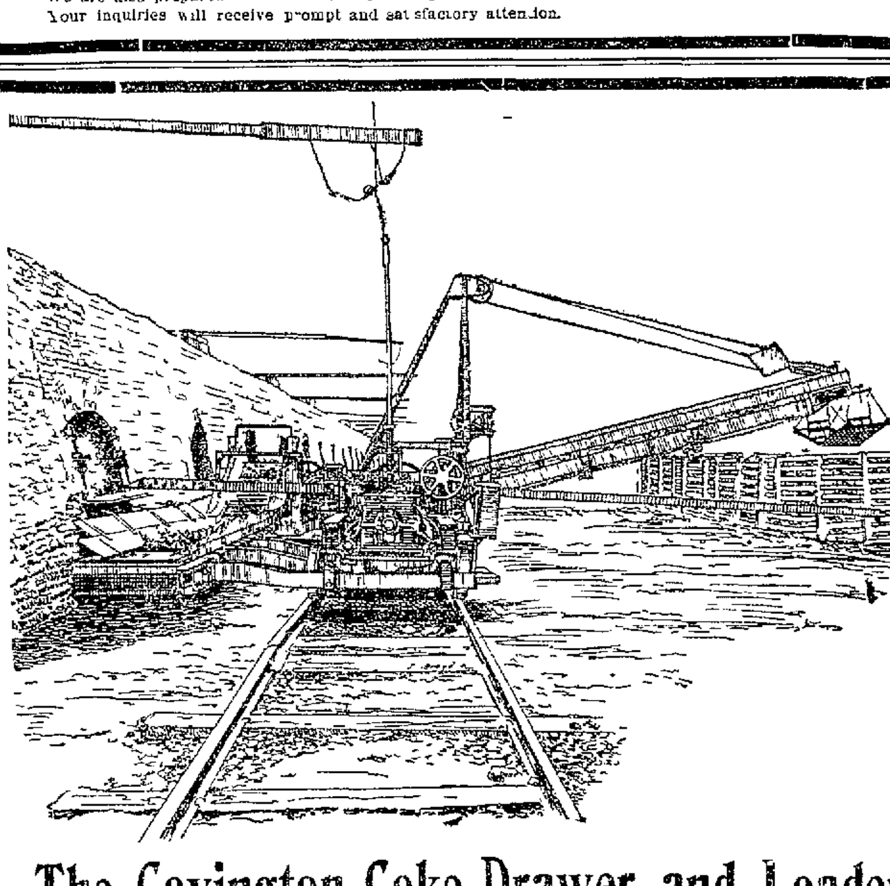

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